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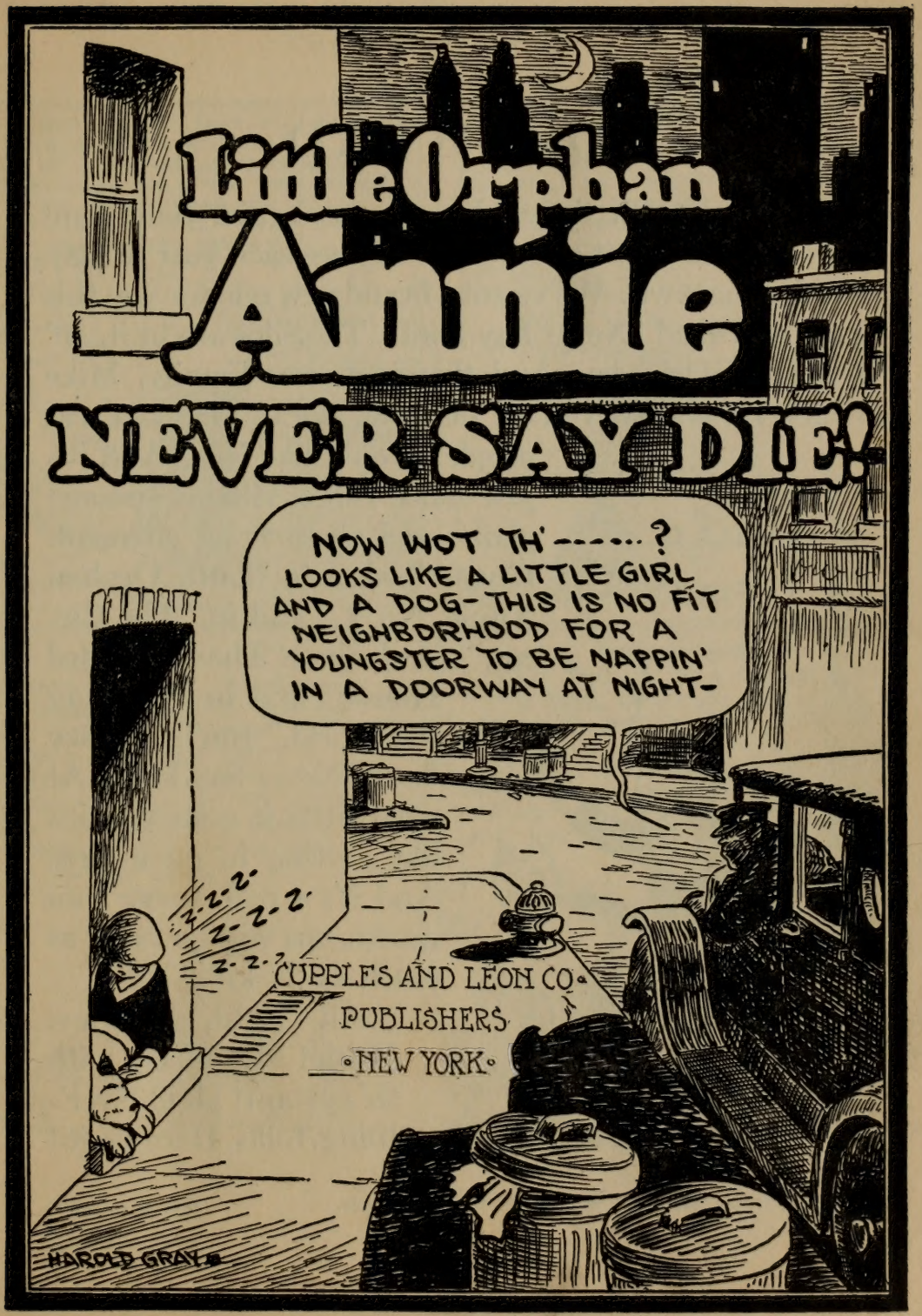
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LOOKS LIKE A LITTLE GIRL AND A DOG- THIS IS NO FIT NEIGHBORHOOD FOR A YOUNGSTER TO BE NAPPIN' IN A DOORWAY AT NIGHT-
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FOREWORD

HELLO, FOLKS! well, here we are again. Sandy an' I sure get a kick out o' comin' back here each year to play th' old home town. We've got a brand new one for you this time. It's called "Never Say Die!" Th' Silos are in it, an' "Daddy" Warbucks. And there's a new Family, Mike Dooley, th' taxi Driver, an' his wife, Nora. They're great people. You'll like 'em. And it's just chock full o' villains and airplanes and all sorts of 'citement. If you liked us in "Little Orphan Annie, No. 1," and in "The Circus," and in "The Haunted House," and in "Bucking the World," you'll be crazy 'bout "Never Say Die." At what little it costs you it's like getting in on a pass. And it's a real story. You grown-ups will go for it as much as th' kids.

All right, Charley. Music! Music! Up with th' curtain! Hold Ever'-thing, folks. Here we go!

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RUSH THAT, BOY, AND GET BACK HERE QUICK---
HELLO-HELLO- WARBUCKS TALKING- CALL THE DIRECTORS FOR A MEETING IN MY OFFICE HERE IN AN HOUR FROM NOW-
YES SIR-
GEE, "DADDY" DIDN'T GO TO BED AT ALL LAST NIGHT- WAS TELEPHONIN' AND FIGGERIN' AND GETTIN' CABLEGRAMS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD ALL NIGHT LONG.
GUYS RUNNIN' IN AND OUT ALL TH' TIME- HERE COMES A BUNCH O' BIG SHOTS NOW TO SEE "DADDY"- LETS BEAT IT, SANDY- IT'S GOT SOMETHIN' TO DO WITH A "CORNER", I HEARD "DADDY" SAY YESTERDAY- WONDER WHAT THAT MEANS-
AN' I HEAR 'EM TALKIN' 'BOUT "BULLS" AND "BEARS"- IT'S SURE OVER MY HEAD- SOUNDS SORTA NUTTY TO ME, BUT IT'S A CINCH "DADDY" KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOIN'- STILL, I WISH HE'D KNOCK OFF FOR A SPELL AND GET SOME SLEEP-
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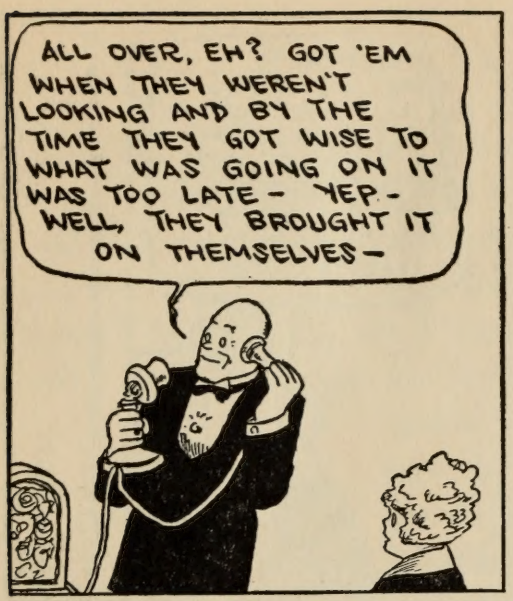
ALL OVER, EH? GOT 'EM WHEN THEY WEREN'T LOOKING AND BY THE TIME THEY GOT WISE TO WHAT WAS GOING ON IT WAS TOO LATE - YEP - WELL, THEY BROUGHT IT ON THEMSELVES -

WELL, WELL - AND HOW ARE YOU TO-DAY, ANNIE?
GEE, "DADDY" - I'M GLAD YOU'VE LAID OFF THAT OLD STOCK MARKET AT LAST -

SORRY I HAD TO BE SO BUSY FOR A FEW DAYS - BUT BUSINESS IS BUSINESS - WHAT DO YOU SAY WE DRIVE OUT TO THE SILOS TO-MORROW I FEEL LIKE A GOOD REST MYSELF -
THAT'LL BE SWELL -

YESSIR - WE'RE GOIN' BACK OUT TO TH' SILOS FOR A WHILE, SANDY - "DADDY" THINKS IT'S 'CAUSE I NEED TH' COUNTRY AIR, BUT AFTER TH' WAY HE'S BEEN GOIN' HE NEEDS A REST LOTS WORSE'N I DO -
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I WON'T BE ABLE TO STAY LONG OUT AT SILO'S - I'LL HAVE TO GET BACK ON THE JOB THE FIRST OF THE WEEK - GOT TO KEEP IN TOUCH -
THE BUNCH I WAS FIGHTING IS LICKED FOR NOW BUT THEY'RE NOT THE KIND THAT STAYS LICKED LONG - THEY'RE TRICKY - GOT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THEM EVERY SECOND OR THEY'LL STEAL MY SHIRT -
BUT I'D THINK WITH ALL YOUR MONEY "DADDY", YOU COULD QUIT BUSINESS AND JUST TAKE A VACATION FOR EVER IF YOU WANTED TO.
NO, ANNIE - THE MORE ONE HAS THE HARDER ONE HAS TO FIGHT TO KEEP IT - IN BIG BUSINESS IT'S DOG EAT DOG -
NO BUSINESS CAN STAND STILL - IT HAS TO GROW OR BE SWALLOWED UP AND IT'S BETTER TO SWALLOW THE OTHER FELLOW FIRST - BUT IT'S A GAME I LIKE AND I'LL BE ALL RIGHT, AS LONG AS I DON'T TURN MY BACK -
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WELL, ANNIE- DO YOU THINK YOU COULD DRINK A GLASS OF MILK?
COULD I !!! WOW - I COULD GO FOR A WHOLE QUART OF TH' STUFF - SANDY AND I HAVE BEEN WAY DOWN TO THE EAST EIGHTY AN' BACK-
DRINK PLENTY OF PURE, RICH MILK AND YOU'LL ALWAYS BE HEALTHY - IT'S THE BEST FOOD THERE IS-
UM-M-M.. THIS TASTES JUST LIKE CREAM - YUH SURE DON'T GET MILK LIKE THIS IN THE CITY-
AND HERE'S SOMETHING ELSE YOU MIGHT LIKE - IT WILL BE QUITE A WHILE BEFORE DINNER-
DOUGHNUTS!!! OH, BOY! AND HOME MADE - NOT TH' SOGGY REST'RANT KIND THAT GIVE YUH TH' STUMMICK ACHE-
YESSIR - THEY COULD THROW AWAY ALL THEIR CITIES, 'CEPT FOR A MOVIE NOW AN' THEN, MAYBE, AND I'D STILL BE HAPPY - PLENTY O' ROOM, PLENTY TO EAT - WORK LONG DAYS, MAYBE, BUT SLEEP NIGHTS - YESSIR - FOR A KID YUH CAN'T BEAT TH' FARM -
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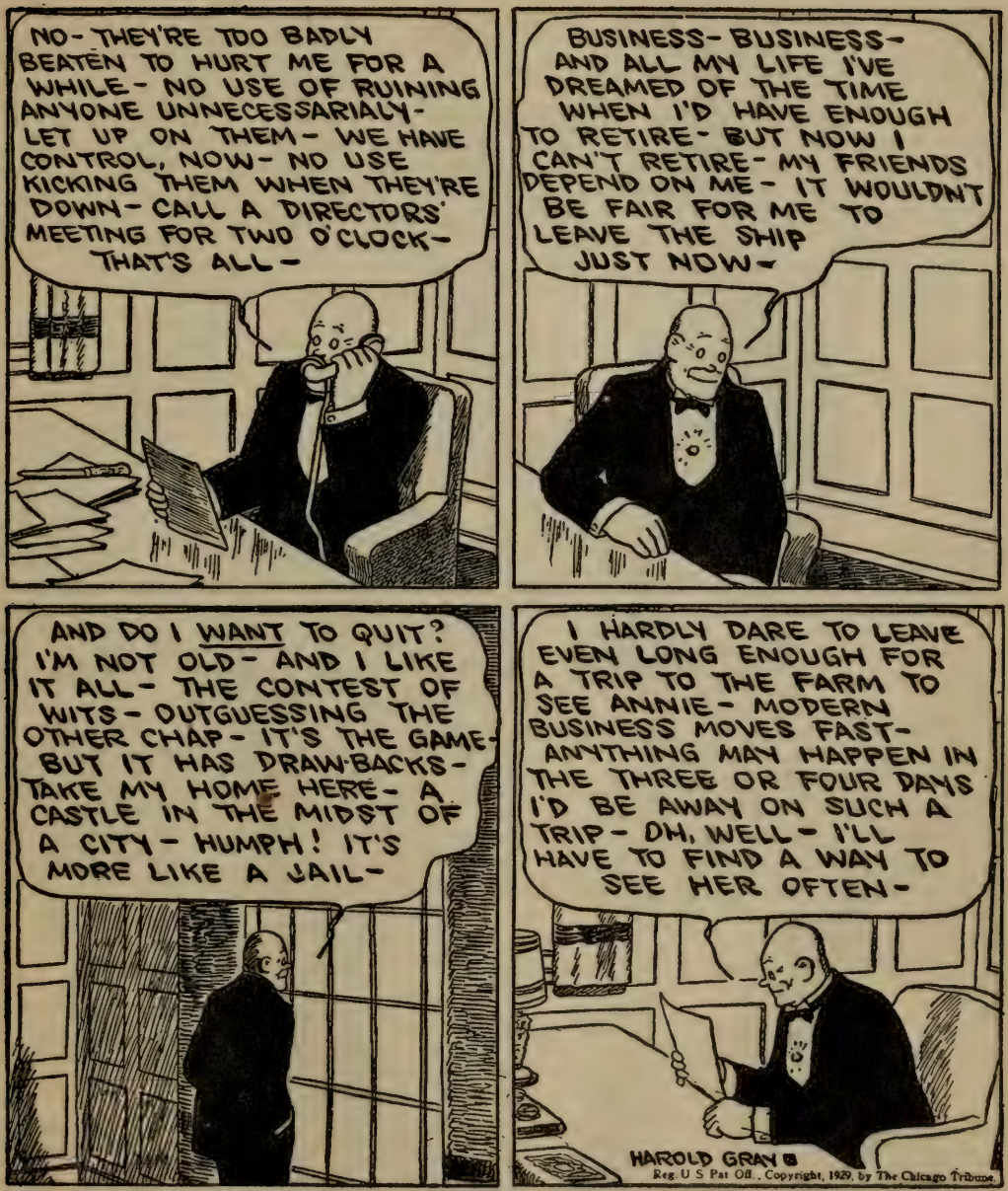
NO- THEY'RE TOO BADLY BEATEN TO HURT ME FOR A WHILE- NO USE OF RUINING ANYONE UNNECESSARILY- LET UP ON THEM- WE HAVE CONTROL, NOW- NO USE KICKING THEM WHEN THEY'RE DOWN- CALL A DIRECTORS' MEETING FOR TWO O'CLOCK- THAT'S ALL-
BUSINESS- BUSINESS- AND ALL MY LIFE I'VE DREAMED OF THE TIME WHEN I'D HAVE ENOUGH TO RETIRE- BUT NOW I CAN'T RETIRE- MY FRIENDS DEPEND ON ME- IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR FOR ME TO LEAVE THE SHIP JUST NOW-
AND DO I WANT TO QUIT? I'M NOT OLD- AND I LIKE IT ALL- THE CONTEST OF WITS- OUTGUESSING THE OTHER CHAP- IT'S THE GAME- BUT IT HAS DRAW-BACKS- TAKE MY HOME HERE- A CASTLE IN THE MIDST OF A CITY- HUMPH! IT'S MORE LIKE A JAIL-
I HARDLY DARE TO LEAVE EVEN LONG ENOUGH FOR A TRIP TO THE FARM TO SEE ANNIE- MODERN BUSINESS MOVES FAST- ANYTHING MAY HAPPEN IN THE THREE OR FOUR DAYS I'D BE AWAY ON SUCH A TRIP- OH, WELL- I'LL HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO SEE HER OFTEN-
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SUCH A BUSINESS! A WALK IN THE PARK EVERY MORNING - THAT'S THE ONLY TIME I'M OUT OF DIRECT TOUCH WITH MY BUSINESS - AND EVEN NOW MY SECRETARY KNOWS WHERE TO FIND ME IF IT'S IMPORTANT -
THERE HE GOES - THAT CHAP'S SURE FLYING LOW - WHAT A BEAUTIFUL PLANE - AND A WHOPPER, TOO -
BUILDING 'EM BIGGER AND SAFER EVERY YEAR - THAT ONE, FOR INSTANCE - TWENTY PASSENGERS - THREE MOTORS - COMFORT, SAFETY AND SPEED -
GREAT SCOTT! WHY NOT? I'VE USED PLANES BEFORE - WITH A FAST PLANE I COULD FLY DOWN TO THE FARM IN A FRACTION OF THE TIME IT TAKES TO DRIVE A CAR THROUGH TRAFFIC - I COULD LAND IN THAT MEADOW ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE HOUSE - BY GEORGE! I'LL LOOK INTO THIS -
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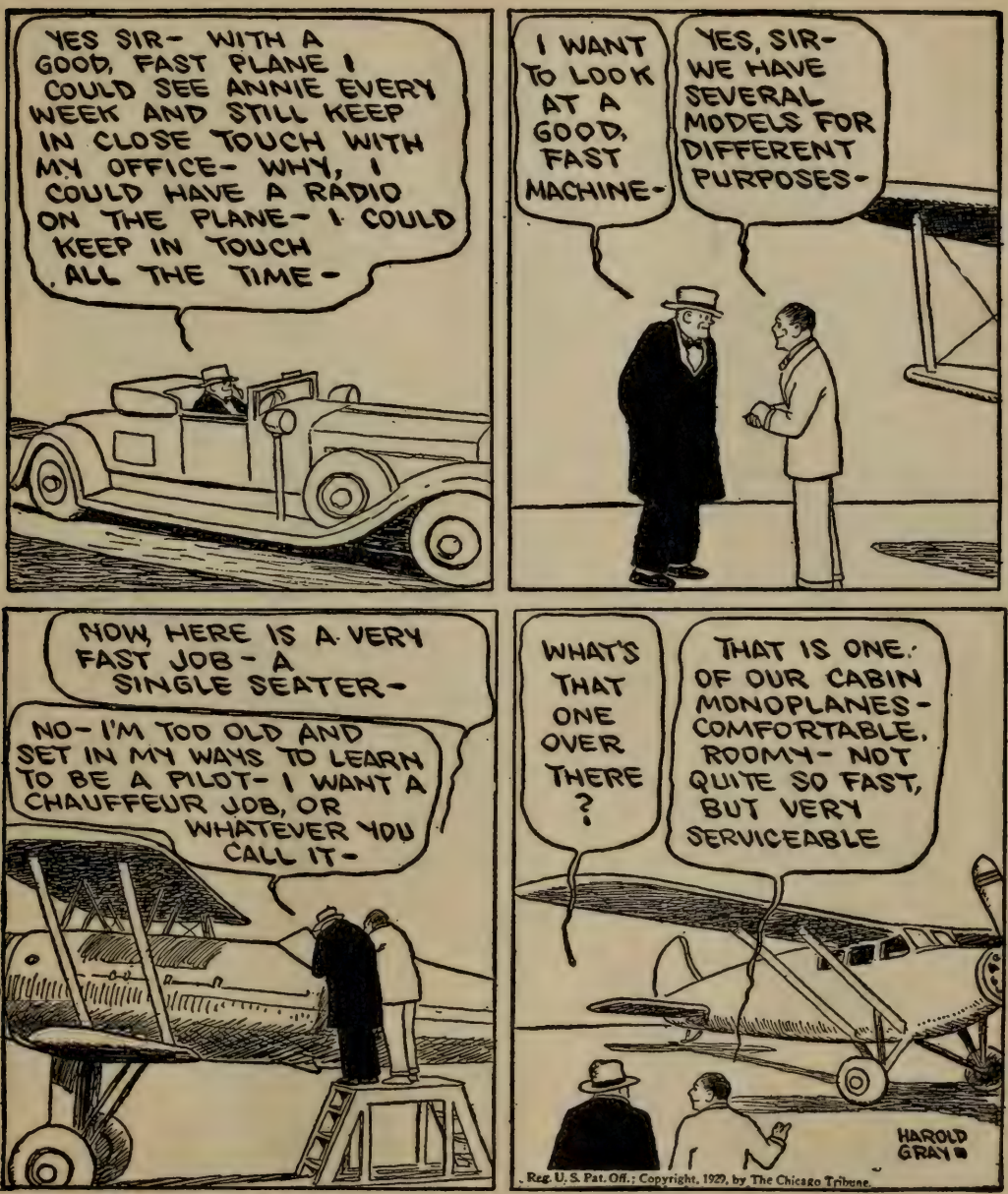
YES SIR- WITH A GOOD, FAST PLANE I COULD SEE ANNIE EVERY WEEK AND STILL KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH MY OFFICE- WHY, I COULD HAVE A RADIO ON THE PLANE- I COULD KEEP IN TOUCH ALL THE TIME-
I WANT TO LOOK AT A GOOD, FAST MACHINE-
YES, SIR- WE HAVE SEVERAL MODELS FOR DIFFERENT PURPOSES-
NOW, HERE IS A VERY FAST JOB - A SINGLE SEATER-
NO- I'M TOO OLD AND SET IN MY WAYS TO LEARN TO BE A PILOT- I WANT A CHAUFFEUR JOB, OR WHATEVER YOU CALL IT-
WHAT'S THAT ONE OVER THERE ?
THAT IS ONE OF OUR CABIN MONOPLANES - COMFORTABLE, ROOMY - NOT QUITE SO FAST, BUT VERY SERVICEABLE
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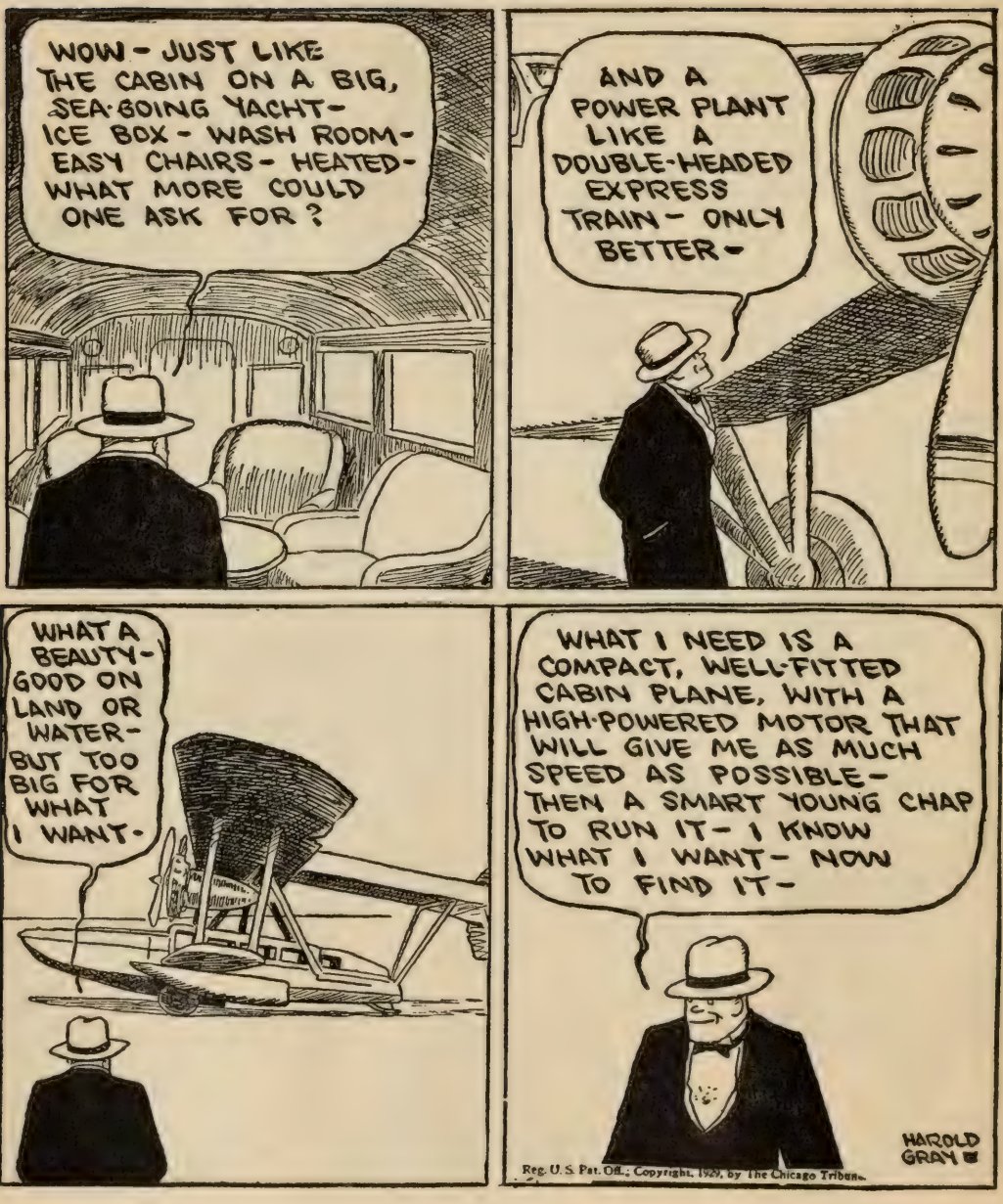
WOW - JUST LIKE THE CABIN ON A BIG, SEA-GOING YACHT- ICE BOX - WASH ROOM- EASY CHAIRS - HEATED- WHAT MORE COULD ONE ASK FOR?
AND A POWER PLANT LIKE A DOUBLE-HEADED EXPRESS TRAIN - ONLY BETTER -
WHAT A BEAUTY- GOOD ON LAND OR WATER- BUT TOO BIG FOR WHAT I WANT-
WHAT I NEED IS A COMPACT, WELL-FITTED CABIN PLANE, WITH A HIGH-POWERED MOTOR THAT WILL GIVE ME AS MUCH SPEED AS POSSIBLE- THEN A SMART YOUNG CHAP TO RUN IT - I KNOW WHAT I WANT - NOW TO FIND IT -
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THAT'S THE PLANE, YOUNG MAN- AND THOSE ARE THE FEW CHANGES I WANT MADE- NO I'LL COME OUT TO THE FIELD TO-MORROW WHEN IT'S READY AND WE'LL TRY IT OUT-
WON'T ANNIE BE SURPRISED? I CAN HARDLY WAIT- WHY, I CAN RUN DOWN TO THE FARM IN ALMOST NO TIME- WHY DIDN'T I EVER THINK OF THIS BEFORE?
SHALL I CALL THE CAR FOR YOU, SIR?
NO- I'M GOING FOR A WALK- NEED THE AIR- I'LL BE IN THE PARK IF I'M NEEDED-
I CAN'T WORK TO-DAY- GUESS I'M GETTING THE FLYING FEVER- THERE GOES A MAIL PLANE, NOW- THAT'S THE LIFE- IF I WAS ONLY TWENTY-FIVE YEARS YOUNGER-
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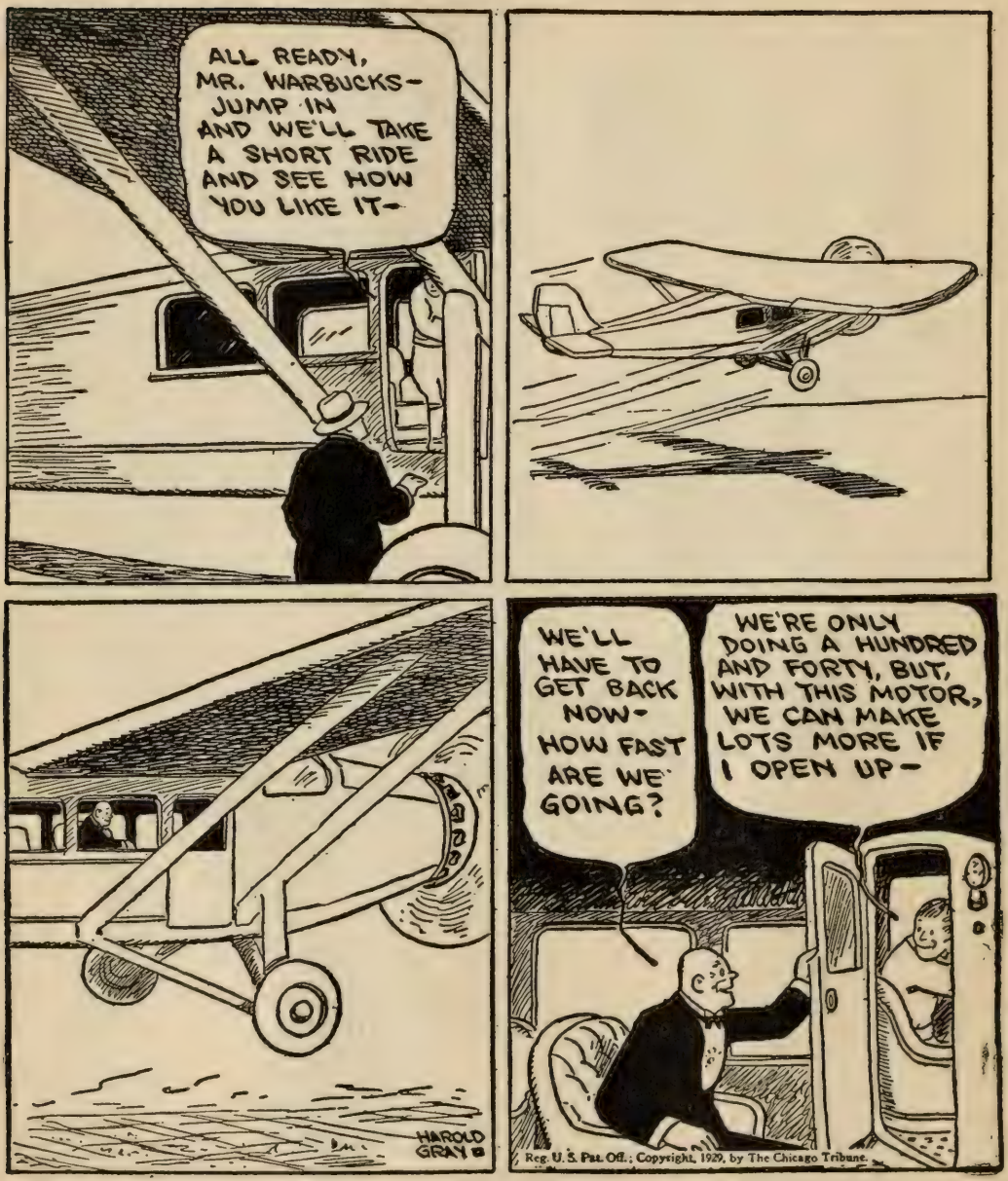
THE SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT


ALL READY, MR. WARBUCKS- JUMP IN AND WE'LL TAKE A SHORT RIDE AND SEE HOW YOU LIKE IT-
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WE'LL HAVE TO GET BACK NOW- HOW FAST ARE WE GOING?
WE'RE ONLY DOING A HUNDRED AND FORTY, BUT, WITH THIS MOTOR, WE CAN MAKE LOTS MORE IF I OPEN UP-
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NO LETTER?

GEE - "DADDY" USUALLY WRITES TO ME EVERY DAY, BUT I DIDN'T HEAR FROM HIM SATURDAY - HOPE EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT WITH HIM - MAYBE HE'S COMIN' OUT TO VISIT US IS WHY HE DIDN'T WRITE -
HERE COMES A CAR NOW - OH, THAT'S TH' MAIL CARRIER - MAYBE HE'LL HAVE A LETTER FOR US - MAYBE "DADDY'S" SATURDAY LETTER JUST GOT DELAYED -
GOOD MORNING - HAVEN'T YOU ANY LETTER FOR ME TO-DAY?
NOPE - NO LETTERS THIS TIME, ANNIE - JUST THE PAPER -
B. Silo
GEE - NO LETTER - WELL, I S'POSE EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT - STILL, IF IT IS, I SURE WISH "DADDY'D" WRITE AND SAY SO - WHEN YOU'RE S'PECTIN' A LETTER YER BOUND TO WORRY IF YUH DON'T GET IT -
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LEAPIN' LIZARDS!!! LOOKIE, SANDY - AN AIRPLANE - AND IT'S FLYIN' ROUND AN' ROUND UP THERE JUST LIKE A BIG HAWK - GEE - IT'S GETTIN' READY TO COME DOWN - IT'S AIMED RIGHT FOR OUR MEADOW ACROSS TH' ROAD -
LOOK OUT, SANDY - DON'T GET IN FRONT O' THAT THING - IT'S GOIN' A MILE A MINUTE -
GEE - IT'S A WHOPPER - WINDOWS IN IT JUST LIKE A TRAIN - WONDER WHO'S INSIDE AN' WHAT THEY WANT HERE -
HELLO, ANNIE -
"DADDY!
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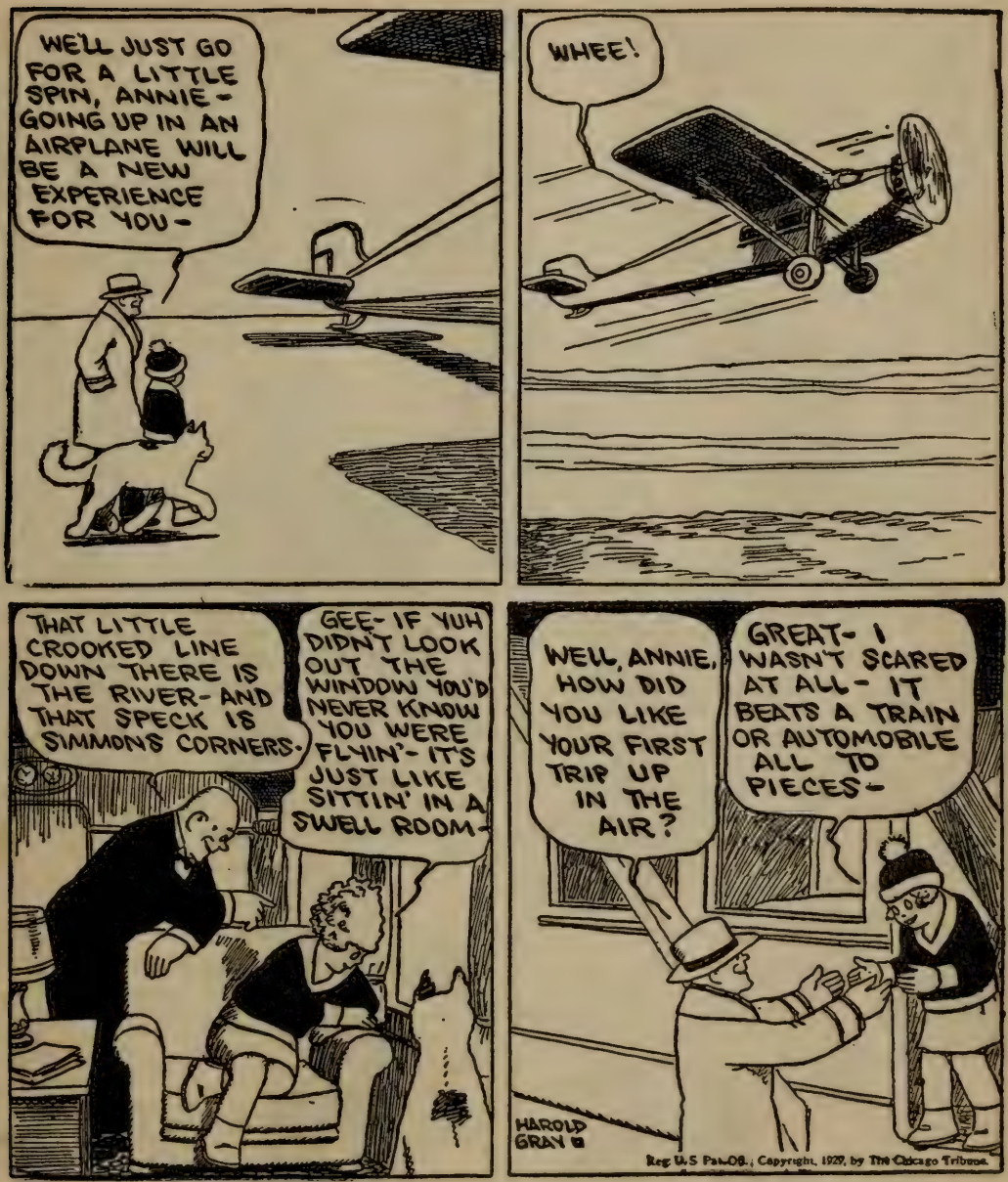
WE'LL JUST GO FOR A LITTLE SPIN, ANNIE - GOING UP IN AN AIRPLANE WILL BE A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR YOU -
WHEE!
THAT LITTLE CROOKED LINE DOWN THERE IS THE RIVER - AND THAT SPECK IS SIMMONS CORNERS.
GEE - IF YUH DIDN'T LOOK OUT THE WINDOW YOU'D NEVER KNOW YOU WERE FLYIN' - IT'S JUST LIKE SITTIN' IN A SWELL ROOM -
WELL, ANNIE, HOW DID YOU LIKE YOUR FIRST TRIP UP IN THE AIR?
GREAT - I WASN'T SCARED AT ALL - IT BEATS A TRAIN OR AUTOMOBILE ALL TO PIECES -
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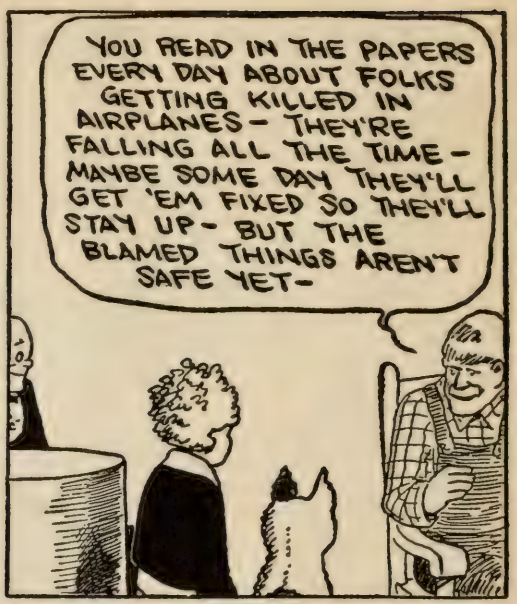
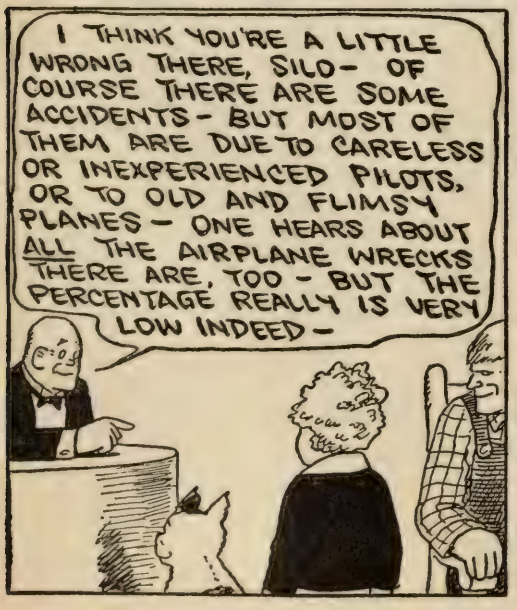
GEE, MR. SILO - Y'OUGHTA TAKE A RIDE IN "DADDY'S" NEW AIRPLANE - YUH'D GET TH' THRILL O' YER LIFE - WHY WON'T YOU GO UP?
NOT FOR ME, ANNIE - NO SIR-EE - LIFE'S TOO SHORT AT BEST -


YOU READ IN THE PAPERS EVERY DAY ABOUT FOLKS GETTING KILLED IN AIRPLANES - THEY'RE FALLING ALL THE TIME - MAYBE SOME DAY THEY'LL GET 'EM FIXED SO THEY'LL STAY UP - BUT THE BLAMED THINGS AREN'T SAFE YET -


I THINK YOU'RE A LITTLE WRONG THERE, SILO - OF COURSE THERE ARE SOME ACCIDENTS - BUT MOST OF THEM ARE DUE TO CARELESS OR INEXPERIENCED PILOTS, OR TO OLD AND FLIMSY PLANES - ONE HEARS ABOUT ALL THE AIRPLANE WRECKS THERE ARE, TOO - BUT THE PERCENTAGE REALLY IS VERY LOW INDEED -

PERSONALLY I BELIEVE PLANES ARE AS SAFE AS TRAINS OR AUTOS IF ONE DEPENDS ON COMPETENT PILOTS AND GOOD EQUIPMENT - PRACTICALLY ALL THE ACCIDENTS YOU HEAR OF ARE AVOIDABLE, WITH ORDINARY CARE -
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WELL, I'LL BE BACK AT MY DESK IN TOWN IN A COUPLE OF HOURS FROM NOW- THAT SURE BEATS TRAVELING BY AUTOMOBILE-
IT'S A LOT MORE FUN, TOO, EH, "DADDY"?
GOOD-BYE, "DADDY"- WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO COME OUT AGAIN?
OH, I'LL COME TO SEE YOU OFTEN FROM NOW ON, ANNIE-
G'-BYE, "DADDY"- BE CAREFUL-
ARF!
GEE- LOOK AT HIM GO- HE'S PRETTY NEARLY OUT OF SIGHT ALREADY-
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MR. SILO AND ELMER, TH' HIRED MAN, ARE DOIN' TH' MILKIN' - SOME FARMERS HAVE MACHINES TO DO THAT WORK, I HEAR - BUT MOST FARMERS DO IT BY HAND YET JUST LIKE FOLKS DID A THOUSAND YEARS AGO -
AND THERE'S THE HAY - COURSE THERE'S HAY-LOADERS AN' MOWERS - BUT IT STILL TAKES A LOT O' SWEAT AN' MUSCLE TO GET HAY IN TH' BARN, SAME AS IT ALWAYS DID - NOTHIN' 'BOUT FARM WORK HAS CHANGED VERY MUCH FOR YEARS AN' YEARS.
COURSE SOME FARMERS USE MACHINERY A LOT - TRACTORS AN' SUCH - BUT THINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED SO MUCH - TAKE TH' CITY - RADIOS - AUTOS - AND NOW AIR-PLANES - ALL IN JUST A FEW YEARS - AND MACHINERY TO MAKE 'MOST EVER'THING -
MAYBE THAT'S WHY SO MANY FARMERS ARE POOR. LIKE MR. SILO SAYS - IF THEY'D FIGGER OUT NEW WAYS TO DO THINGS SO'S JOBS WOULDN'T BE SO HARD AND TAKE SO LONG MAYBE THEY COULD GET ALONG BETTER - THINGS ON TH' FARM SURE DON'T CHANGE HALF AS FAST AS THEY DO IN TOWN - THAT'S A CINCH -
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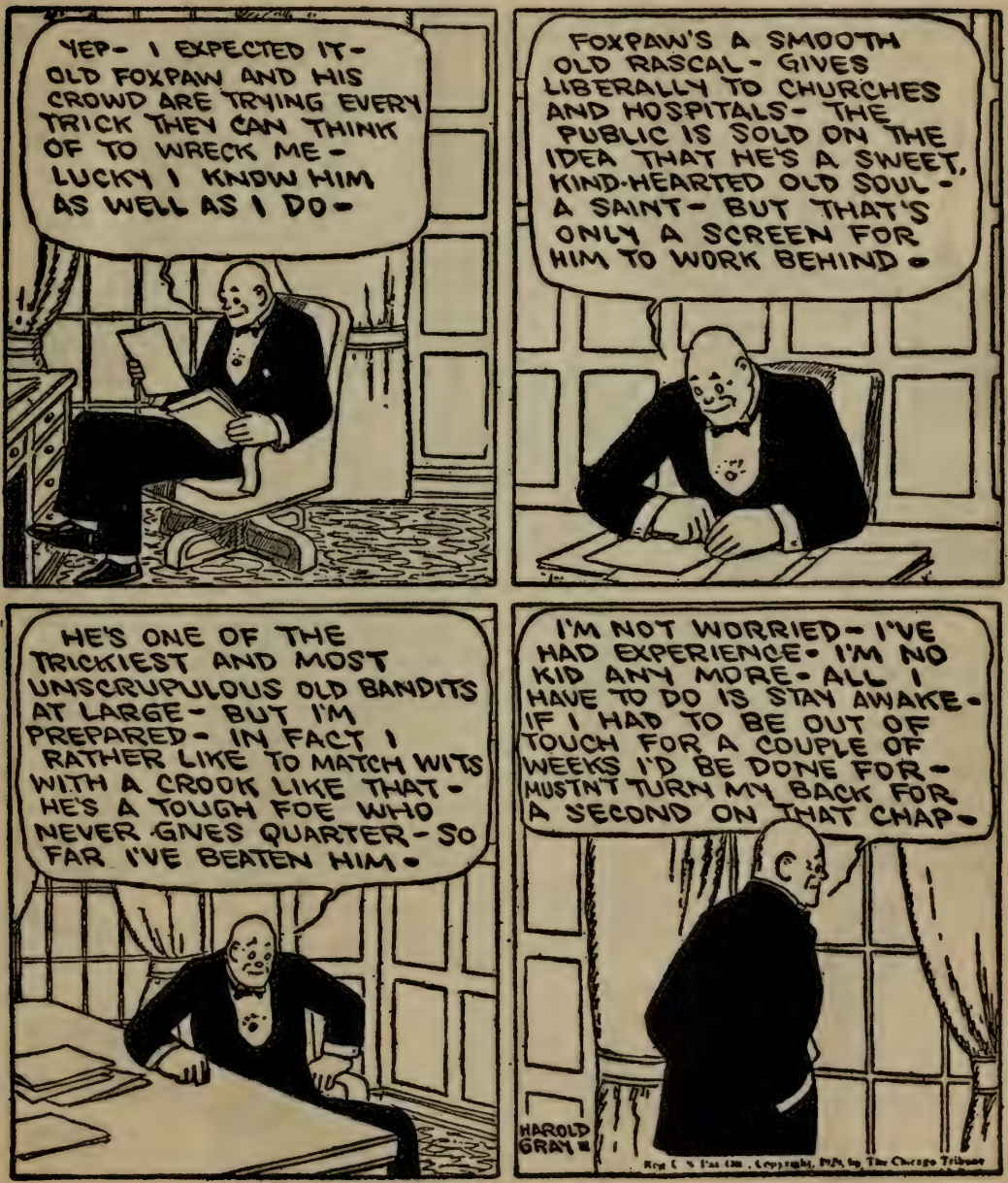
YEP- I EXPECTED IT- OLD FOXPAW AND HIS CROWD ARE TRYING EVERY TRICK THEY CAN THINK OF TO WRECK ME- LUCKY I KNOW HIM AS WELL AS I DO-
FOXPAW'S A SMOOTH OLD RASCAL- GIVES LIBERALLY TO CHURCHES AND HOSPITALS- THE PUBLIC IS SOLD ON THE IDEA THAT HE'S A SWEET, KIND-HEARTED OLD SOUL- A SAINT- BUT THAT'S ONLY A SCREEN FOR HIM TO WORK BEHIND-
HE'S ONE OF THE TRICKIEST AND MOST UNSCRUPULOUS OLD BANDITS AT LARGE- BUT I'M PREPARED- IN FACT I RATHER LIKE TO MATCH WITS WITH A CROOK LIKE THAT- HE'S A TOUGH FOE WHO NEVER GIVES QUARTER- SO FAR I'VE BEATEN HIM-
I'M NOT WORRIED- I'VE HAD EXPERIENCE- I'M NO KID ANY MORE- ALL I HAVE TO DO IS STAY AWAKE- IF I HAD TO BE OUT OF TOUCH FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS I'D BE DONE FOR- MUSTN'T TURN MY BACK FOR A SECOND ON THAT CHAP-
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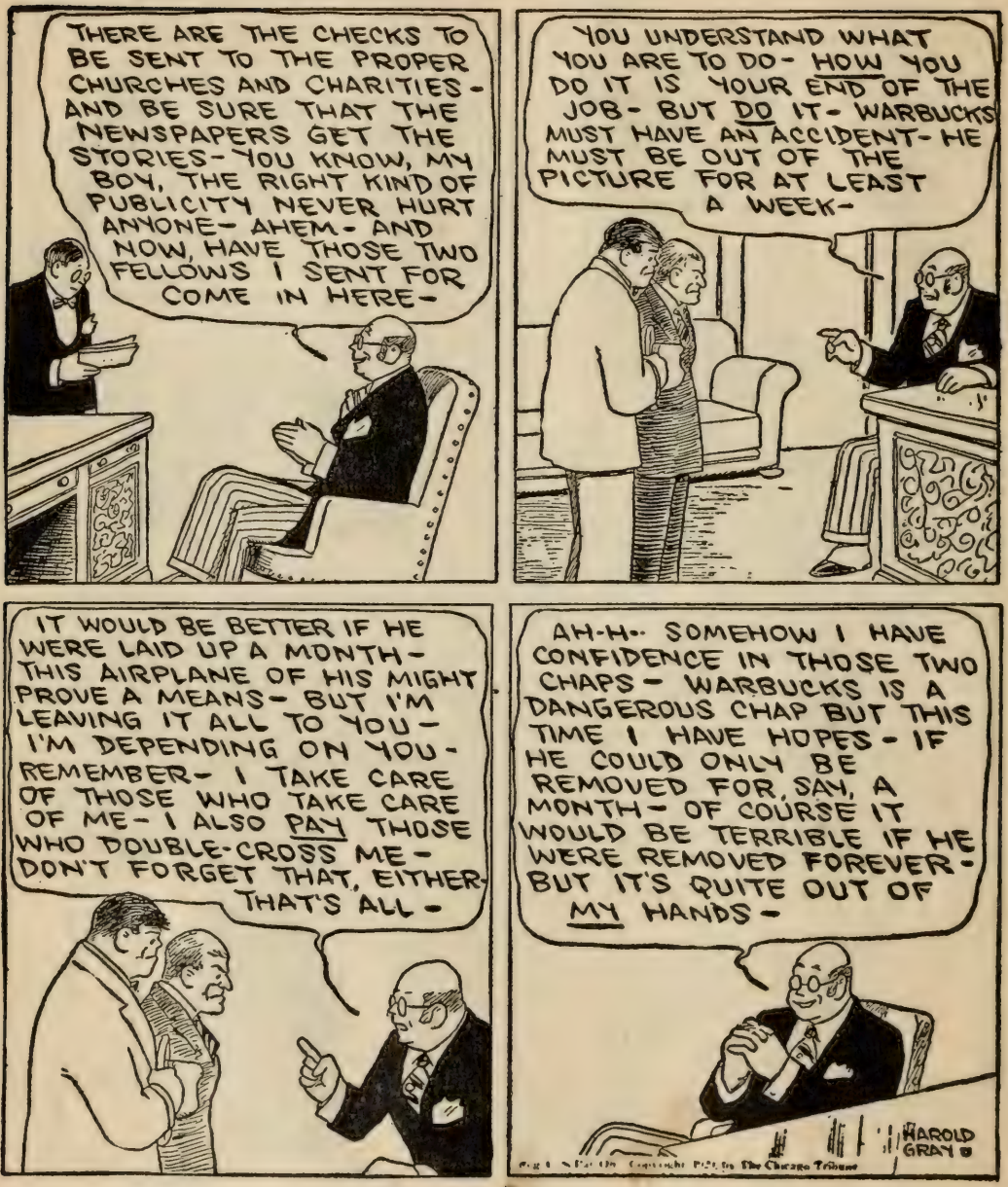
THERE ARE THE CHECKS TO BE SENT TO THE PROPER CHURCHES AND CHARITIES - AND BE SURE THAT THE NEWSPAPERS GET THE STORIES - YOU KNOW, MY BOY, THE RIGHT KIND OF PUBLICITY NEVER HURT ANYONE - AHEM - AND NOW, HAVE THOSE TWO FELLOWS I SENT FOR COME IN HERE -
YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE TO DO - HOW YOU DO IT IS YOUR END OF THE JOB - BUT DO IT - WARBUCKS MUST HAVE AN ACCIDENT - HE MUST BE OUT OF THE PICTURE FOR AT LEAST A WEEK -
IT WOULD BE BETTER IF HE WERE LAID UP A MONTH - THIS AIRPLANE OF HIS MIGHT PROVE A MEANS - BUT I'M LEAVING IT ALL TO YOU - I'M DEPENDING ON YOU - REMEMBER - I TAKE CARE OF THOSE WHO TAKE CARE OF ME - I ALSO PAY THOSE WHO DOUBLE-CROSS ME - DON'T FORGET THAT, EITHER - THAT'S ALL -
AH-H-- SOMEHOW I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THOSE TWO CHAPS - WARBUCKS IS A DANGEROUS CHAP BUT THIS TIME I HAVE HOPES - IF HE COULD ONLY BE REMOVED FOR, SAY, A MONTH - OF COURSE IT WOULD BE TERRIBLE IF HE WERE REMOVED FOREVER - BUT IT'S QUITE OUT OF MY HANDS -
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DAT SURE OUGHTA PUT A CRIMP IN DIS BUGGY - BUT BE SURE AN' DON'T LEAVE NO FINGER PRINTS OR NOTHIN' -
NAW - WHEN WE GET DONE NO-BODY'LL EVER BE ABLE TO TELL DAT ANYBODY'S TOUCHED A T'ING -
THERE! NOW LET'S GET OUT O' DIS PLACE -
GOOD - SHE OUGHTA RUN FINE TILL THEY START TO LAND - THEN, BAM! NOBODY'LL EVER KNOW JUST WHAT HAPPENED -
DAT WAS A GOOD NIGHT'S WORK, JACK - I'D 'A' HATED TO GET CAUGHT FOOLIN' AROUND DIS JOINT -
YEAH - WARBUCKS IS A TOUGH BOZO - SORTA HATE'D TO DO DIS JOB - BUT BUSINESS IS BUSINESS - AN' DE PAY'S GOOD -
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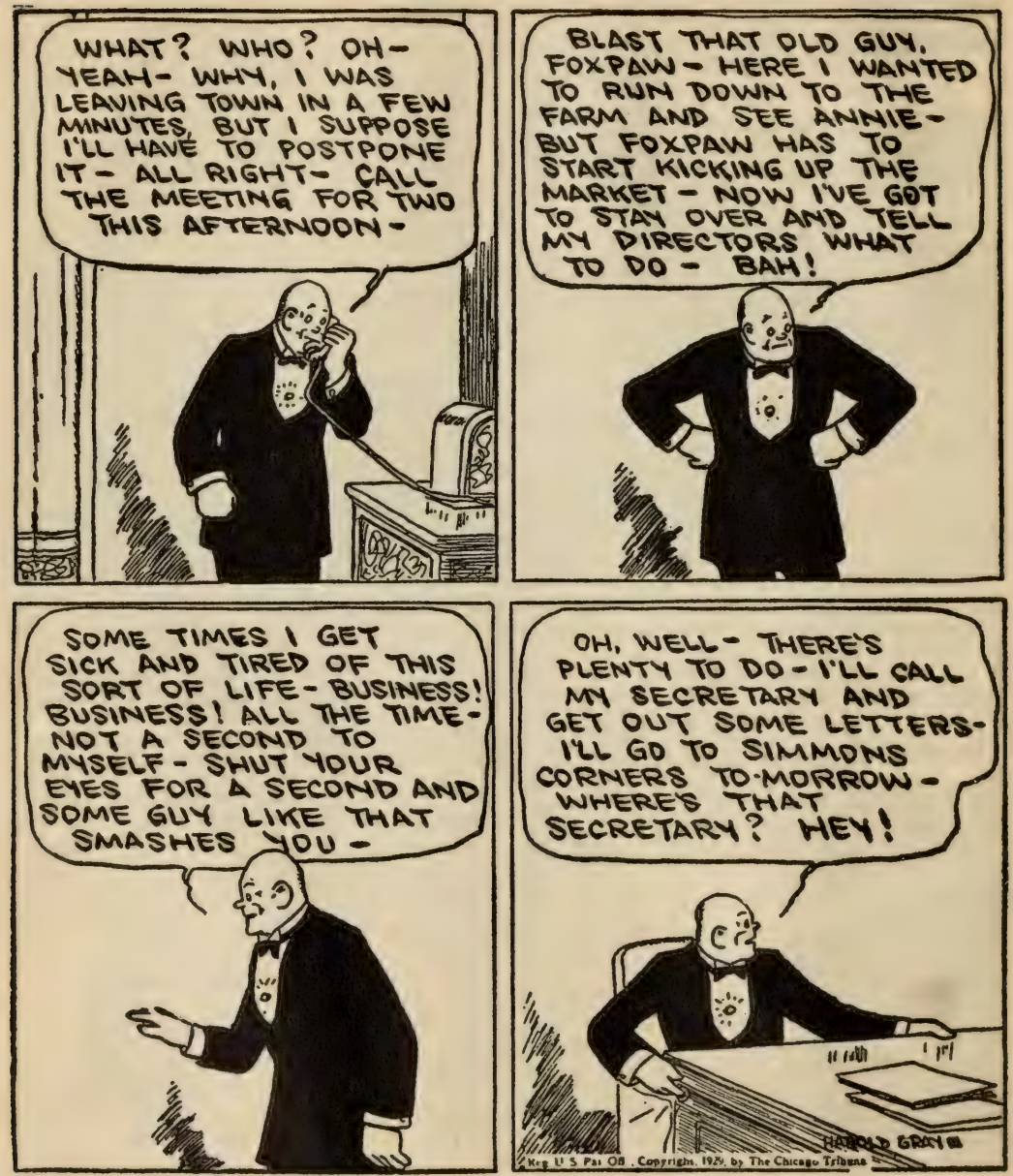
AN UNPLEASANT INTERRUPTION


WHAT? WHO? OH- YEAH- WHY, I WAS LEAVING TOWN IN A FEW MINUTES, BUT I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO POSTPONE IT- ALL RIGHT- CALL THE MEETING FOR TWO THIS AFTERNOON-
BLAST THAT OLD GUY, FOXPAW- HERE I WANTED TO RUN DOWN TO THE FARM AND SEE ANNIE- BUT FOXPAW HAS TO START KICKING UP THE MARKET- NOW I'VE GOT TO STAY OVER AND TELL MY DIRECTORS WHAT TO DO- BAH!
SOME TIMES I GET SICK AND TIRED OF THIS SORT OF LIFE- BUSINESS! BUSINESS! ALL THE TIME- NOT A SECOND TO MYSELF- SHUT YOUR EYES FOR A SECOND AND SOME GUY LIKE THAT SMASHES YOU-
OH, WELL- THERE'S PLENTY TO DO- I'LL CALL MY SECRETARY AND GET OUT SOME LETTERS- I'LL GO TO SIMMONS CORNERS TO-MORROW- WHERE'S THAT SECRETARY? HEY!
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LOOKIE, SANDY - THERE'S "DADDY'S" PLANE - I WAS SURE HE'D BE HERE TO-DAY -
OH-H-H-H-H- SANDY! HE'S FALLING! THE PLANE'S COMING ALL APART - OH-H-H-H!
RUN! RUN, SANDY! IT'S ON FIRE - RUN!!!
"DADDY!" "DADDY!" WHERE ARE YOU?
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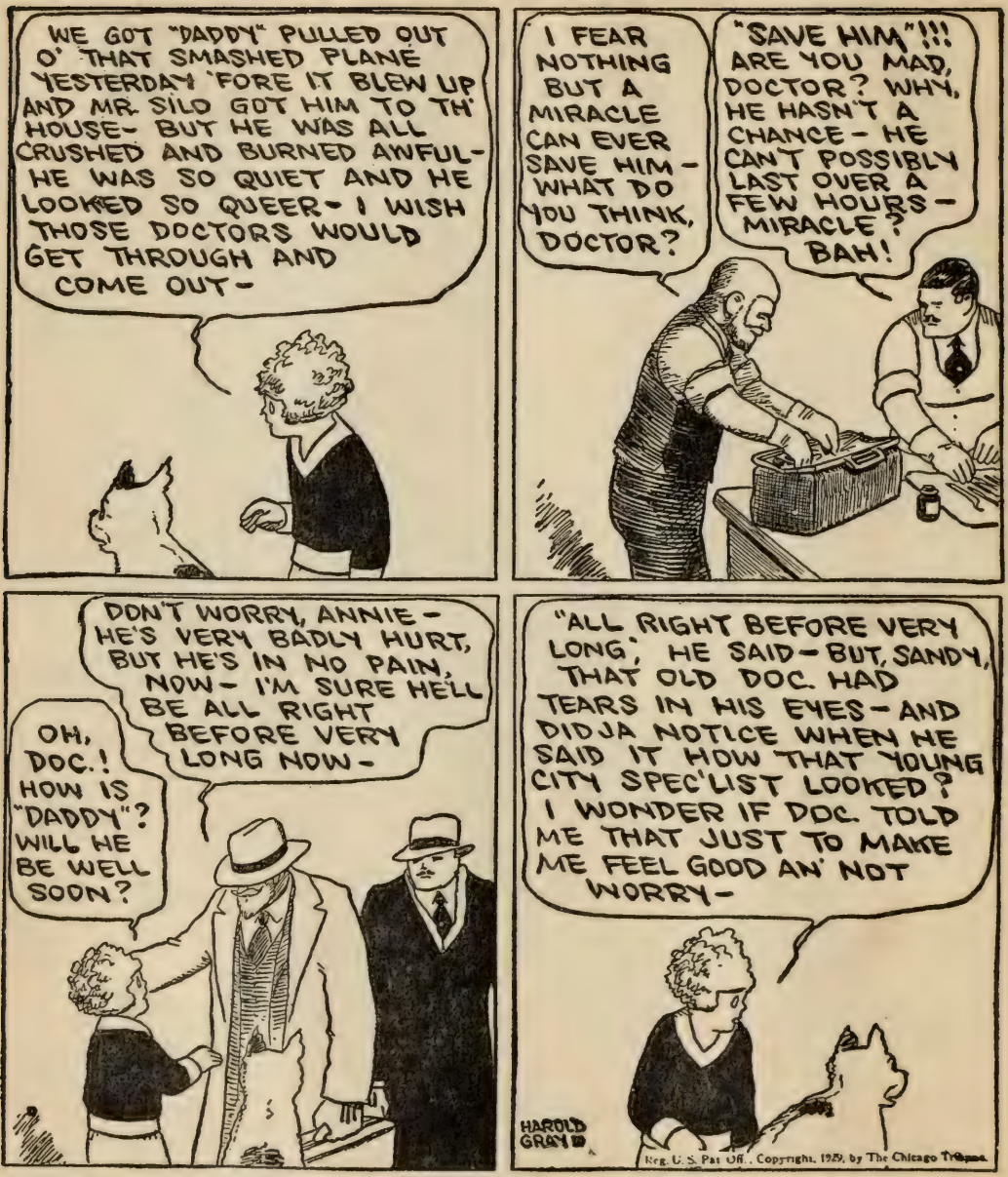
WE GOT "DADDY" PULLED OUT O' THAT SMASHED PLANE YESTERDAY 'FORE IT BLEW UP AND MR. SILO GOT HIM TO TH' HOUSE- BUT HE WAS ALL CRUSHED AND BURNED AWFUL- HE WAS SO QUIET AND HE LOOKED SO QUEER- I WISH THOSE DOCTORS WOULD GET THROUGH AND COME OUT-
I FEAR NOTHING BUT A MIRACLE CAN EVER SAVE HIM - WHAT DO YOU THINK, DOCTOR?
"SAVE HIM"!!! ARE YOU MAD, DOCTOR? WHY, HE HASN'T A CHANCE - HE CAN'T POSSIBLY LAST OVER A FEW HOURS - MIRACLE? BAH!
DON'T WORRY, ANNIE - HE'S VERY BADLY HURT, BUT HE'S IN NO PAIN, NOW - I'M SURE HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT BEFORE VERY LONG NOW -
OH, DOC.! HOW IS "DADDY"? WILL HE BE WELL SOON?
"ALL RIGHT BEFORE VERY LONG," HE SAID - BUT, SANDY, THAT OLD DOC. HAD TEARS IN HIS EYES - AND DIDJA NOTICE WHEN HE SAID IT HOW THAT YOUNG CITY SPEC'LIST LOOKED? I WONDER IF DOC. TOLD ME THAT JUST TO MAKE ME FEEL GOOD AN' NOT WORRY-
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NO HOPE

LISTEN, SANDY- THE DOCTORS ARE IN THERE NOW- "DADDY" HASN'T MOVED SINCE WE BROUGHT HIM IN LAST FRIDAY- BUT HE'S STILL ALIVE-
I'M AFRAID I WAS WRONG, DOCTOR- ABOUT THAT MIRACLE. I MEAN- HE WAS TOO BADLY BURNED - IT CAN ONLY BE A MATTER OF HOURS, NOW- WHAT A SHAME- SUCH A MAN-
BUT THE HUMAN BODY WILL STAND ONLY ABOUT SO MUCH- HOW HE HAS KEPT GOING AS LONG AS HE HAS IS A MIRACLE- YES- IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF AN HOUR OR TWO AT BEST, NOW-
O-O-OH- SANDY! POOR "DADDY"- DID YOU HEAR WHAT TH' CROAKER SAID? "ONLY A MATTER OF HOURS"- HE'S WRONG, SANDY! IT ISN'T TRUE- "DADDY" CAN'T DIE, SANDY? HE'S ALL I'VE GOT!
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I CAN'T SLEEP- WHY GO TO BED? THE DOC. SAID "DADDY" COULD ONLY LIVE AN HOUR- BUT HE'S STILL ALIVE - I CAN HEAR HIM FIGHTIN' FOR HIS BREATH CLEAR OUT HERE- AND THERE'S NOTHIN' I CAN DO TO HELP- NOTHIN'—
OH-OH-OH! WHY CAN'T I HELP? IF I WAS IN TH' JAM HE'S IN HE'D KNOW HOW TO HELP- BUT I CAN'T HELP- OH- OH··· OH!
YOU POOR LITTLE TYKE- YOU MUST GO TO BED, ANNIE- YOU CAN'T HELP BY STAYING UP-
I CAN'T SLEEP IF I DO GO TO BED- OH, MRS SILD····
THERE, THERE, ANNIE- EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT-
AW- BOO HOO- HOO!!! NOTHIN'S ALL RIGHT AND YOU KNOW IT- OH, WHAT'S TH' USE? BOO HOO - HOO!!!
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STILL TICKING

THERE GO THOSE TWO CROAKERS - SH-H-H-H-... I'M NOT SO CRAZY 'BOUT TH' BIG SPEC'LIST FROM THE CITY - HE'S TOO SMART - BUT THAT OLD WHISKERS FROM SIMMONS CORNERS IS NO FOOL - LISTEN, AND LET'S HEAR WHAT HE'S GOT TO SAY -
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT - HOW CAN HE KEEP ALIVE?
HM-M-M- WELL, DOCTOR - A CLEAN LIFE WILL TELL - HE'S STILL TICKING - HIS HEART SEEMS A LITTLE STRONGER IF ANYTHING -
HA-HA- MAYBE IT'S THAT "MIRACLE" YOU MENTIONED -
MIRACLE? YES! THE MIRACLE OF A MAN WHO HAS GONE THROUGH AS MUCH AS HE'S BEEN THROUGH AND HAS KEPT CLEAN -
THAT'S THE MIRACLE - AND HE HAS STAYED CLEAN - IT SHOWS NOW - A PERFECT BODY - HE'S FOUGHT IT OUT THIS FAR - TO-MORROW WILL TELL - I DOUBT IF HE CAN LIVE ANOTHER HOUR - BUT I'M GOING TO STAY AND DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP - THERE'S NOT A CHANCE - ONLY A HOPE -
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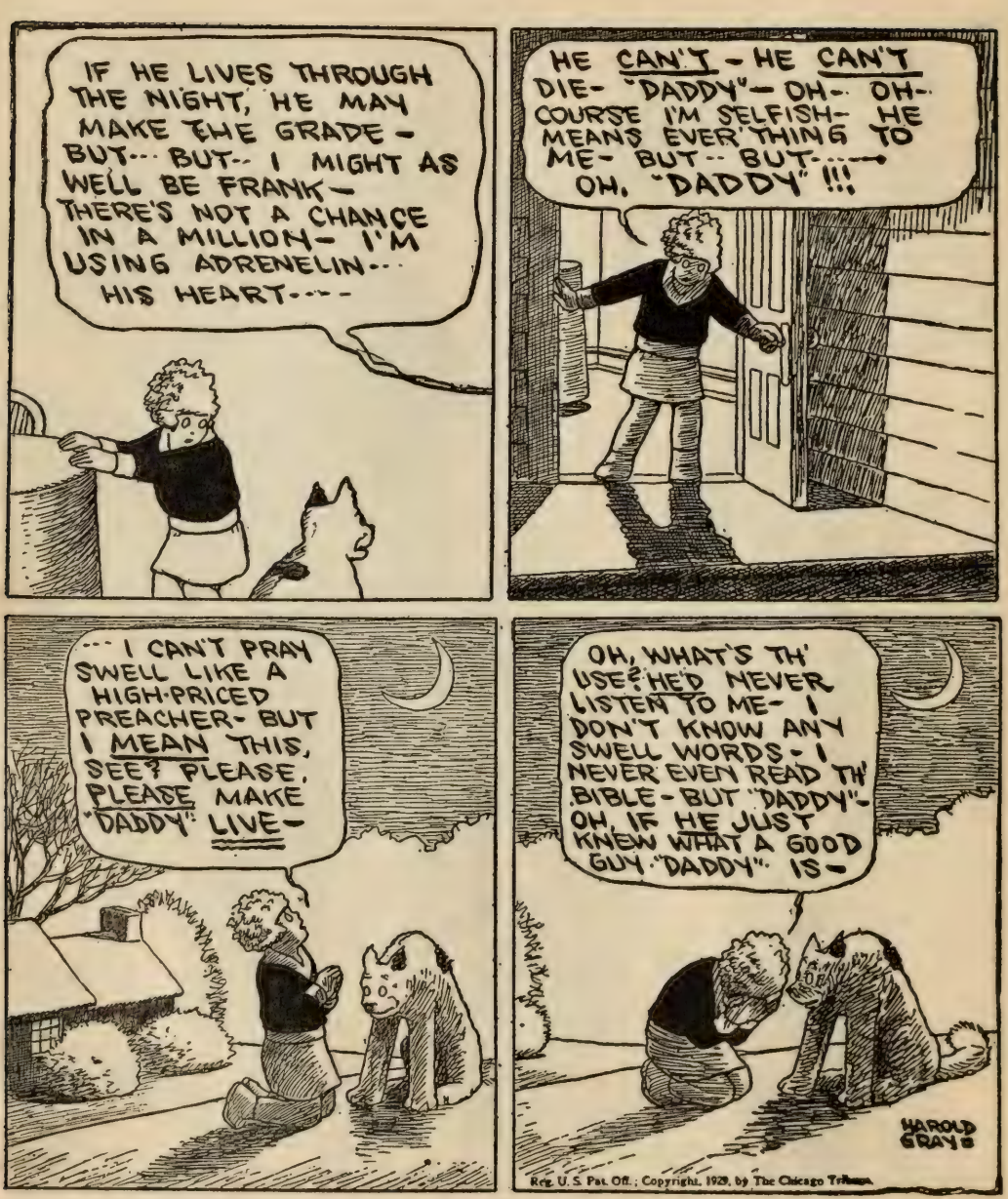
IF HE LIVES THROUGH THE NIGHT, HE MAY MAKE THE GRADE - BUT--- BUT-- I MIGHT AS WELL BE FRANK - THERE'S NOT A CHANCE IN A MILLION - I'M USING ADRENELIN--- HIS HEART----
HE CAN'T - HE CAN'T DIE - "DADDY" - OH-- OH-- COURSE I'M SELFISH - HE MEANS EVER'THING TO ME - BUT-- BUT---- OH, "DADDY" !!!
--- I CAN'T PRAY SWELL LIKE A HIGH-PRICED PREACHER - BUT I MEAN THIS, SEE? PLEASE, PLEASE MAKE "DADDY" LIVE -
OH, WHAT'S TH' USE? HE'D NEVER LISTEN TO ME - I DON'T KNOW ANY SWELL WORDS - I NEVER EVEN READ TH' BIBLE - BUT "DADDY" - OH, IF HE JUST KNEW WHAT A GOOD GUY "DADDY" IS -
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THE OLD FIGHTER ROUSES

ANNIE- IF YOU CAN BE REAL QUIET, YOU CAN GO IN AND SEE "DADDY"- HE'S VERY WEAK- BUT I THINK SEEING YOU WILL HELP HIM-
NOW, YOU CAN STAY ONLY A MINUTE, ANNIE-
"D-D--DADDY"! OH, -DADDY"- YOU'RE GOIN' TO BEAT TH' RAP!
HELLO, ANNIE- YES, I'M GOING TO BEAT IT-
GREAT- HE'LL GO TO SLEEP, NOW- YOU HELPED MORE THAN ALL THE MEDICINE IN THE WORLD- IN FACT, I THINK HE MAY PULL THROUGH IN SPITE OF MEDICINE-
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YES- "DADDY" MAY PULL THROUGH- BUT HIS CONDITION IS STILL VERY DANGEROUS- AND IF HE DOES GET WELL IT WILL BE MONTHS BEFORE HE CAN WALK AGAIN-- IF EVER-
"MONTHS BEFORE HE CAN WALK AGAIN--- IF EVER"— WHAT A CHEERFUL GUY THAT DOC. IS- BUT HE STUCK WHEN "DADDY" WAS THE WORST AND EVERYBODY FIGGERED HE WAS DONE FOR- AND DOC. DIDN'T TRY TO KID ANYBODY-
HE SAID HE FIGGERED "DADDY'D" CASH IN- BUT HE DIDN'T- MAYBE HE'S FIGGERIN' ON TH' WORST NOW, TOO- ONE THING SURE- IF ANYBODY HURT AS BAD AS "DADDY" WAS CAN EVER WALK HE WILL- AND LOTS SOONER THAN THEY FIGGER, TOO- EH, SANDY?
ARF!
SAY, MRS SILO- IS OLD WHISKERS A GOOD DOCTOR? DOES HE KNOW WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT?
WELL, HE'S JUST A COUNTRY DOCTOR- BUT I GUESS COUNTRY DOCTORS SOMETIMES TAKE THEIR PATIENTS A LITTLE MORE SERIOUSLY THAN BIG CITY DOCTORS-
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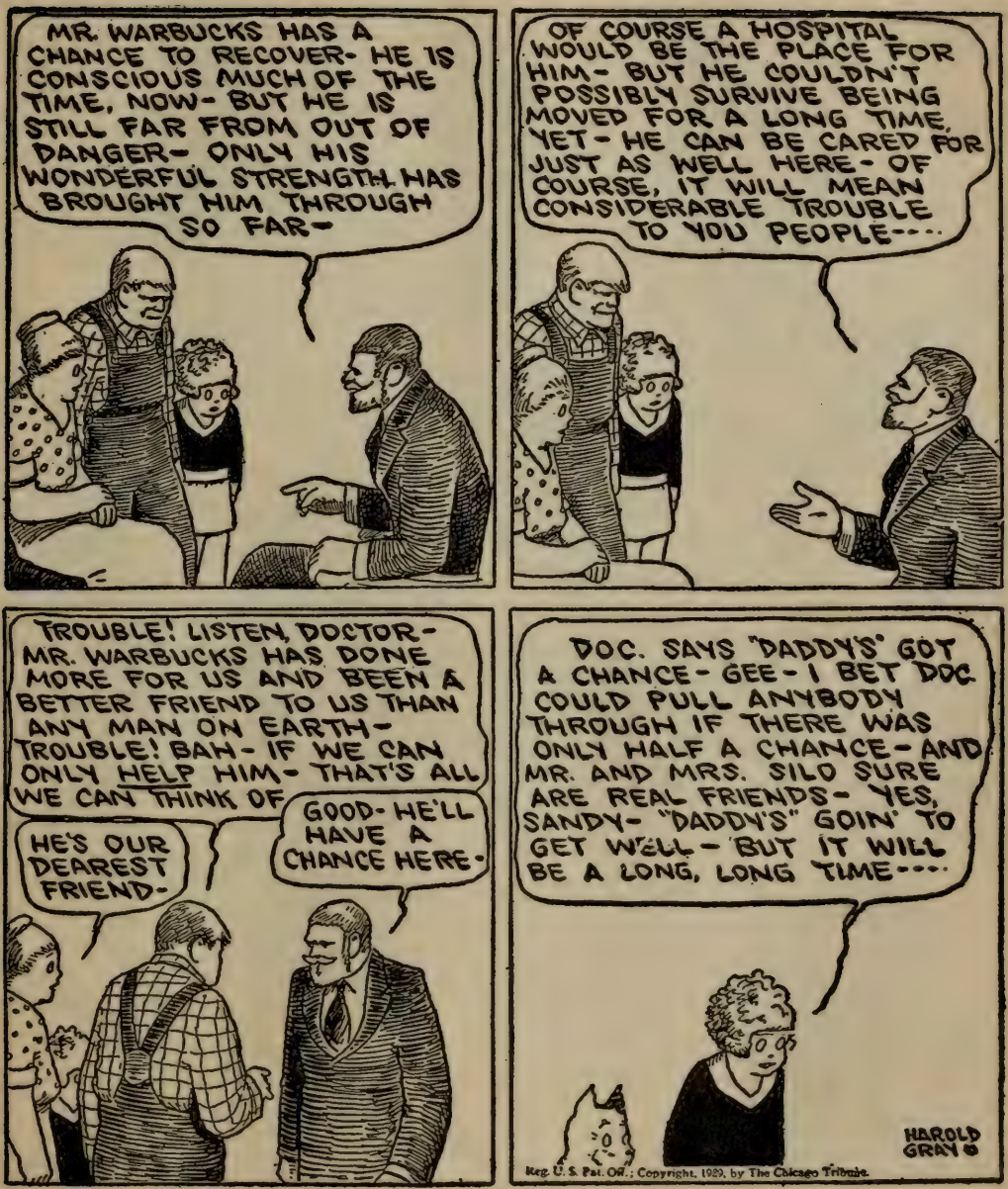
MR. WARBUCKS HAS A CHANCE TO RECOVER- HE IS CONSCIOUS MUCH OF THE TIME, NOW- BUT HE IS STILL FAR FROM OUT OF DANGER- ONLY HIS WONDERFUL STRENGTH HAS BROUGHT HIM THROUGH SO FAR-
OF COURSE A HOSPITAL WOULD BE THE PLACE FOR HIM- BUT HE COULDN'T POSSIBLY SURVIVE BEING MOVED FOR A LONG TIME, YET- HE CAN BE CARED FOR JUST AS WELL HERE- OF COURSE, IT WILL MEAN CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE TO YOU PEOPLE----
TROUBLE! LISTEN, DOCTOR- MR. WARBUCKS HAS DONE MORE FOR US AND BEEN A BETTER FRIEND TO US THAN ANY MAN ON EARTH- TROUBLE! BAH- IF WE CAN ONLY HELP HIM- THAT'S ALL WE CAN THINK OF
HE'S OUR DEAREST FRIEND-
GOOD- HE'LL HAVE A CHANCE HERE-
DOC. SAYS "DADDY'S" GOT A CHANCE- GEE- I BET DOC. COULD PULL ANYBODY THROUGH IF THERE WAS ONLY HALF A CHANCE- AND MR. AND MRS. SILO SURE ARE REAL FRIENDS- YES, SANDY- "DADDY'S" GOIN' TO GET WELL- BUT IT WILL BE A LONG, LONG TIME----
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WELL, ANNIE - HOW IS OUR PATIENT TO-DAY? DID HE REST ANY LAST NIGHT?
YES, "DADDY" SLEPT ABOUT TWO HOURS - AND HE DIDN'T SEEM TO HURT ANY -
WELL, THERE'S NOT VERY MUCH TO BE DONE - JUST A FEW DRESSINGS AT PRESENT - AND TIME - MOSTLY TIME - NOW I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO HELP ME, ANNIE - HERE ARE SOME RUBBER GLOVES FOR YOU AND I'LL ASK YOU TO HOLD A FEW THINGS AND HAND THEM TO ME WHEN I NEED THEM -
AH, MR. WARBUCKS - YOU'RE COMING ALONG FAMOUSLY - ANNIE TELLS ME YOU SLEPT SOME LAST NIGHT - THAT'S FINE - NOW THEN - LET'S SEE WHAT WE HAVE HERE - HM-M-M-
WELL, ANNIE - I'M GOING TO MAKE A NURSE OF YOU - GIVE HIM A TEASPOON FUL OF THAT MEDICINE EVERY HOUR TILL HE GOES TO SLEEP - AND IF HE SHOWS ANY CHANGE, 'PHONE ME AT ONCE -
YES DOCTOR.
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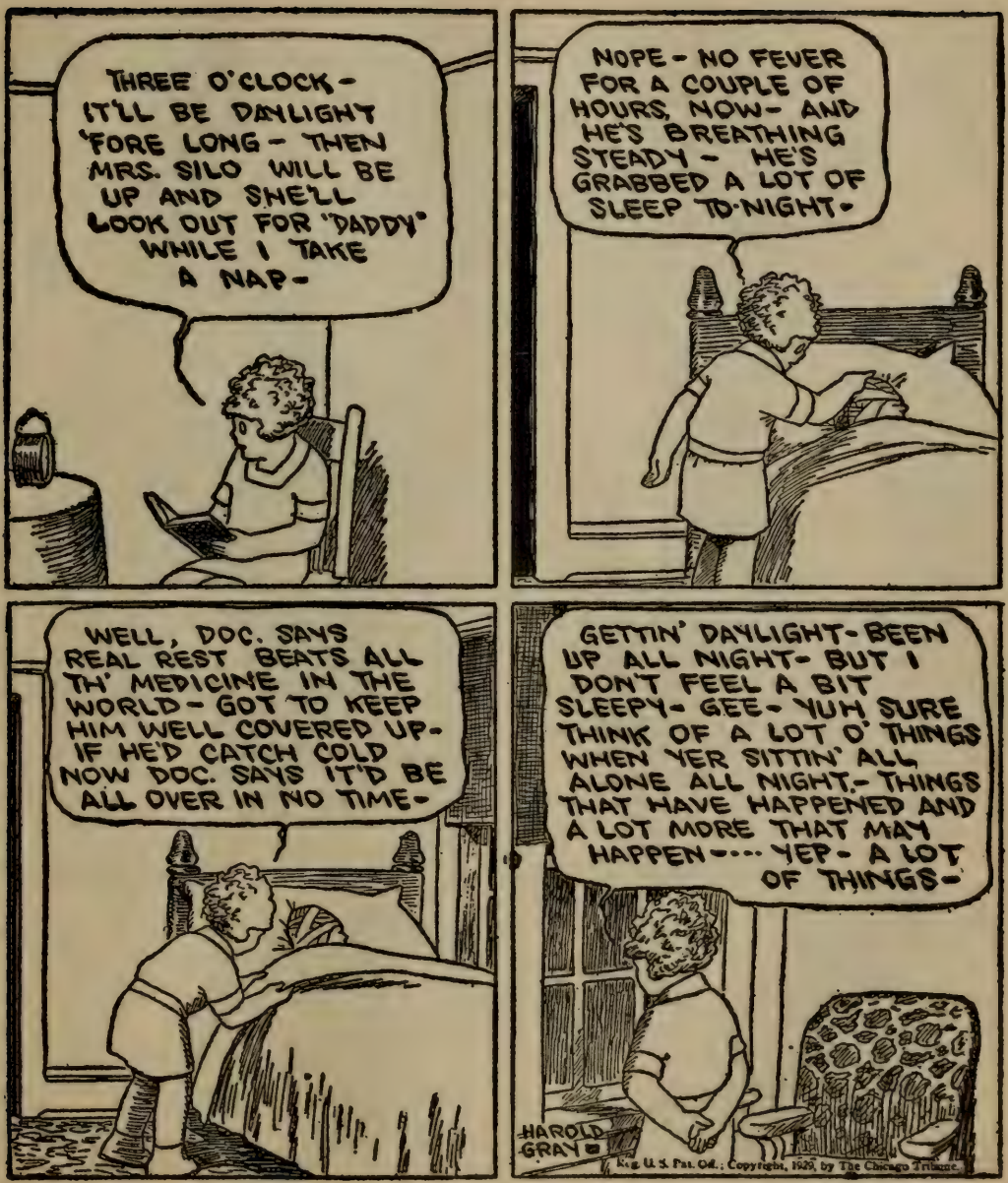
THREE O'CLOCK - IT'LL BE DAYLIGHT 'FORE LONG - THEN MRS. SILO WILL BE UP AND SHE'LL LOOK OUT FOR 'DADDY' WHILE I TAKE A NAP -
NOPE - NO FEVER FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS, NOW - AND HE'S BREATHING STEADY - HE'S GRABBED A LOT OF SLEEP TO-NIGHT -
WELL, DOC. SAYS REAL REST BEATS ALL TH' MEDICINE IN THE WORLD - GOT TO KEEP HIM WELL COVERED UP - IF HE'D CATCH COLD NOW DOC. SAYS IT'D BE ALL OVER IN NO TIME -
GETTIN' DAYLIGHT - BEEN UP ALL NIGHT - BUT I DON'T FEEL A BIT SLEEPY - GEE - YUH SURE THINK OF A LOT O' THINGS WHEN YER SITTIN' ALL ALONE ALL NIGHT. - THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED AND A LOT MORE THAT MAY HAPPEN - .... YEP - A LOT OF THINGS -
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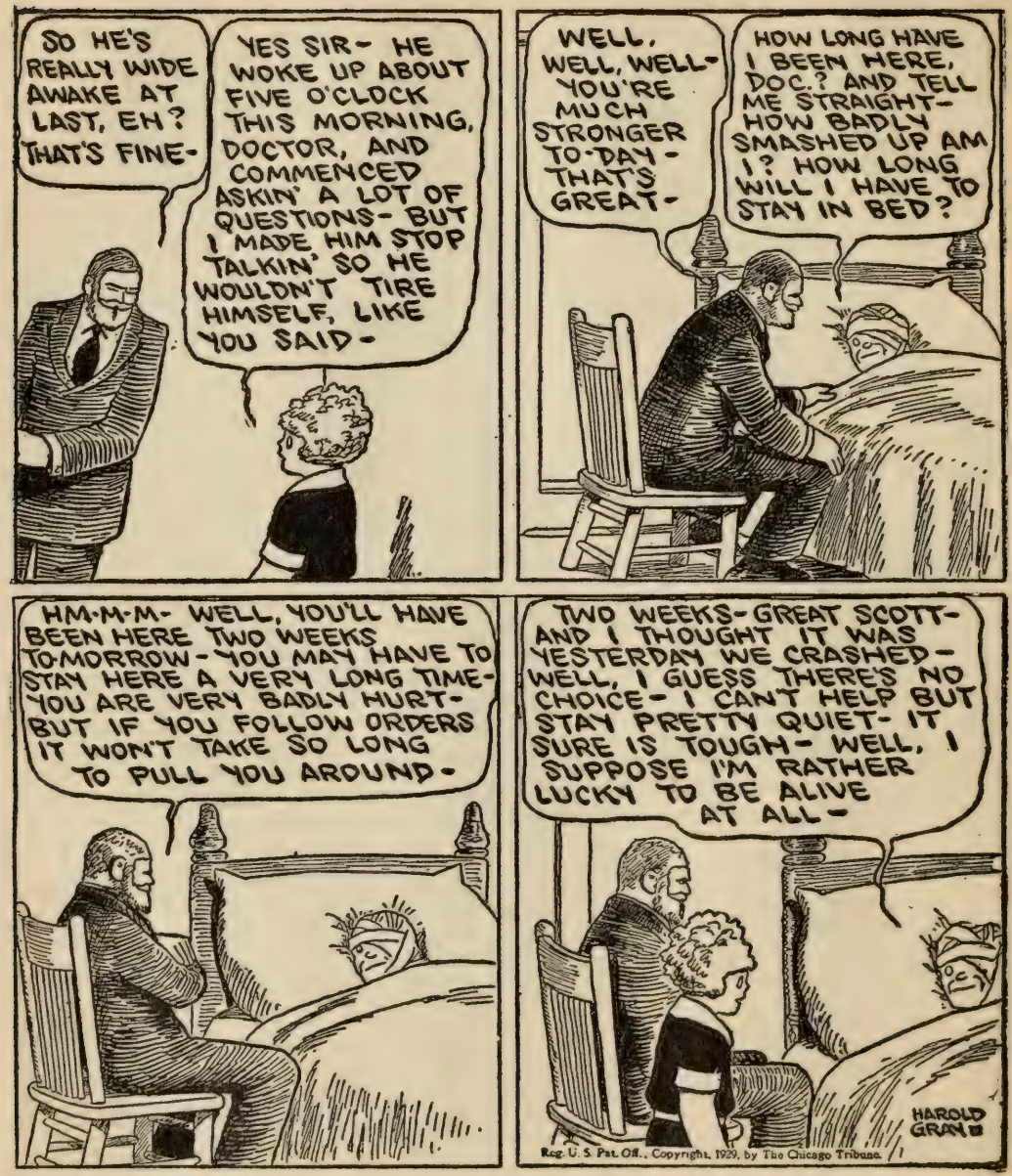
SO HE'S REALLY WIDE AWAKE AT LAST, EH? THAT'S FINE-
YES SIR- HE WOKE UP ABOUT FIVE O'CLOCK THIS MORNING, DOCTOR, AND COMMENCED ASKIN' A LOT OF QUESTIONS- BUT I MADE HIM STOP TALKIN' SO HE WOULDN'T TIRE HIMSELF, LIKE YOU SAID-
WELL, WELL, WELL- YOU'RE MUCH STRONGER TO-DAY- THAT'S GREAT-
HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN HERE, DOC.? AND TELL ME STRAIGHT- HOW BADLY SMASHED UP AM I? HOW LONG WILL I HAVE TO STAY IN BED?
HM-M-M- WELL, YOU'LL HAVE BEEN HERE TWO WEEKS TO-MORROW- YOU MAY HAVE TO STAY HERE A VERY LONG TIME- YOU ARE VERY BADLY HURT- BUT IF YOU FOLLOW ORDERS IT WON'T TAKE SO LONG TO PULL YOU AROUND-
TWO WEEKS- GREAT SCOTT- AND I THOUGHT IT WAS YESTERDAY WE CRASHED- WELL, I GUESS THERE'S NO CHOICE- I CAN'T HELP BUT STAY PRETTY QUIET- IT SURE IS TOUGH- WELL, I SUPPOSE I'M RATHER LUCKY TO BE ALIVE AT ALL-
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NOW, NOW- YOU MUSTN'T TRY TO TALK TOO MUCH, MR. WARBUCKS- YOU ARE STILL VERY WEAK- YOU NEED ALL YOUR STRENGTH-
RATS!!! I WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED- THERE ARE A MILLION THINGS I WANT TO KNOW-
C'MON, SANDY- LET'S GO OUT AND TAKE A SHORT WALK- I NEED SOME EXERCISE- DOC'S IN THERE NOW- HE'LL LOOK OUT FOR "DADDY"-
WHEN THE PLANE FELL ANNIE MUST HAVE BEEN VERY NEAR- IT WAS A VERY SHORT TIME BEFORE THE FLAMES REACHED THE TANKS- SHE AND SANDY PULLED YOU OUT OF THE BURNING WRECK AND TO SOME DISTANCE BEFORE THE EXPLOSION THAT FINISHED THE PLANE COMPLETELY-
ANNIE AND SANDY- WHAT IF THE TANKS HAD BLOWN UP WHILE SHE WAS TRYING TO GET ME OUT? AND HOW DID THEY FIND THE STRENGTH TO MOVE ME? IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR ANNIE I SURE WOULD HAVE GONE TO GLORY LIKE A FLYING LIGHT-HOUSE----- WHAT A GIRL-
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BUT WHAT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY THE PLANE CRASHED- IT WAS APPARENTLY IN PERFECT CONDITION- BUT IT CAME APART JUST AS WE WERE ABOUT TO LAND- WHAT COULD CAUSE THAT?
THERE WERE EXPERTS OUT THAT SAME DAY FROM THE CITY- BUT THEY SAID NO ONE COULD EVER TELL JUST WHAT DID HAPPEN BECAUSE THERE WAS HARDLY ANYTHING AT ALL LEFT AFTER THE THING BLEW UP-
ALL RIGHT, ANNIE- ALL RIGHT-
NOW YOU KNOW, MR. SILO - IT'S THE DOCTOR'S ORDERS- "DADDY" MUSTN'T TALK OR SEE ANYBODY-
NOW IT'S TIME FOR YOUR AFTERNOON NAP, "DADDY"- SHUT YOUR EYES-
HM-M-M... THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT THAT WRECK- OF COURSE IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN JUST AN ACCIDENT- OH, WELL, I'LL HAVE LOTS OF TIME TO FIGURE THAT OUT- I'M TOO TIRED NOW, ANYWAY-
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WELL, MR. WARBUCKS—YOU'RE COMING ALONG IN GREAT SHAPE—YOU'RE GETTING STRONGER EVERY DAY—AT THIS RATE YOU'LL SOON BE SITTING UP—
SITTING UP—HUH! HOW CAN I EVER GET STRONG LYING HERE?
PS-S-T-SAY, DOC.—THERE'S A WHOLE BUNCH O' GUYS JUST DROVE IN AND THEY WANTA SEE "DADDY" RIGHT AWAY—
NO—NO ONE CAN SEE HIM YET—
LEAPIN' LIZARDS!!! I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL 'EM—THEY'RE ALL EXCITED—THEY SAY IT'S AWFUL 'PORTANT—
THEY'LL HAVE TO WAIT—MR. WARBUCKS MUST NOT BE DISTURBED—HE MUST HAVE ABSOLUTE REST—I'LL TALK TO THOSE MEN—
I CAN'T GET OVER THE BELIEF THAT SOMEONE TAMPERED WITH THAT PLANE—THAT PILOT KNEW HIS BUSINESS—THE PLANE WAS NEW—IT WAS MORE THAN JUST AN ACCIDENT—BUT IT'D BE A MIGHTY HARD THING TO PROVE NOW—
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HE WAS A GREAT GREAT GUY

FEBRUARY TWELVE- THIS IS LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY, SANDY- HE SURE WAS A GREAT GUY- SHARP AS A TACK-
FEBRUARY
THEY CALLED HIM A POOR, BACK-WOODS HICK- BUT HE MADE MONKEYS OUT OF A LOT O' CITY BIRDS WHO THOUGHT THEY WERE WISE-
"DADDY" SAYS IT'S THE BUNK ABOUT LINCOLN BEING SIMPLE- HE SAYS LINCOLN WAS ABOUT AS SMART A POLITICIAN AS EVER CAME DOWN TH' LINE-
"DADDY" SAYS HE MAY NOT HAVE HAD MUCH POLISH BUT HE SURE HAD ALL HIS BUTTONS AND, WHAT'S MORE, HE KEPT 'EM-
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YES, YOU CAN SEE MR. WARBUCKS - BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO TALK FAST 'CAUSE TH' DOC. SAYS YOU CAN ONLY STAY IN THERE FIVE MINUTES - I'LL TELL YOU WHEN TH' TIME'S UP -
WE TRIED TO SEE YOU BEFORE, MR. WARBUCKS - IT'S TOO LATE, NOW - FOXPAW HAS GAINED CONTROL OF EVERYTHING - YOU BEING COMPLETELY OUT OF THE FIGHT FOR SO LONG GAVE HIM HIS CHANCE - WE'RE ALL PRACTICALLY RUINED - CLEANED OUT -
IT WAS MOST UNFORTUNATE - YOU WERE THE ONLY MAN WHO COULD HAVE BEATEN HIM - BUT WITHOUT YOU AT THE HEAD OF THINGS WE WERE POWERLESS - NO ONE ELSE WAS EVER HIS MASTER IN THE FINANCIAL WORLD - ALL IS LOST NOW -
WELL, ANNIE - YOUR OLD "DADDY" IS A POOR MAN AGAIN.
DON'T YOU WORRY, "DADDY" - YOU'RE GETTIN' WELL, AND THAT'S THE MAIN THING, NOW - WHO CARES 'BOUT A LOT OF MONEY, ANYWAY-?
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GEE, IT'S LUCKY I HAD THIS SWELL WATER-COLOR OUTFIT- THIS IS SORT OF A SILLY STUNT, I S'POSE- BUT I HOPE "DADDY" LIKES IT-
GUESS WHAT I'VE GOT, "DADDY"- GIVE YUH THREE GUESSES-
HM-M-M--- I GIVE UP- I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT GUESSING GAMES- WHAT IS IT, ANNIE?
IT'S A VALENTINE! IT'S NOT A SWELL ONE LIKE THEY HAVE IN TH' STORES- IT'S ONLY ONE I MADE MYSELF-
SAY, THAT'S A DANDY- I LIKE THAT LOTS BETTER THAN ANY I EVER SAW IN A STORE- IT'S MORE PERSONAL-
THE DEAR LITTLE TYKE- IMAGINE HER THINKING TO GIVE ME A VALENTINE, AND MAKING IT HERSELF- IT'S LOVE AND THOUGHTFULNESS LIKE THAT THAT MAKES THIS OLD WORLD A PRETTY GOOD PLACE, AFTER ALL-
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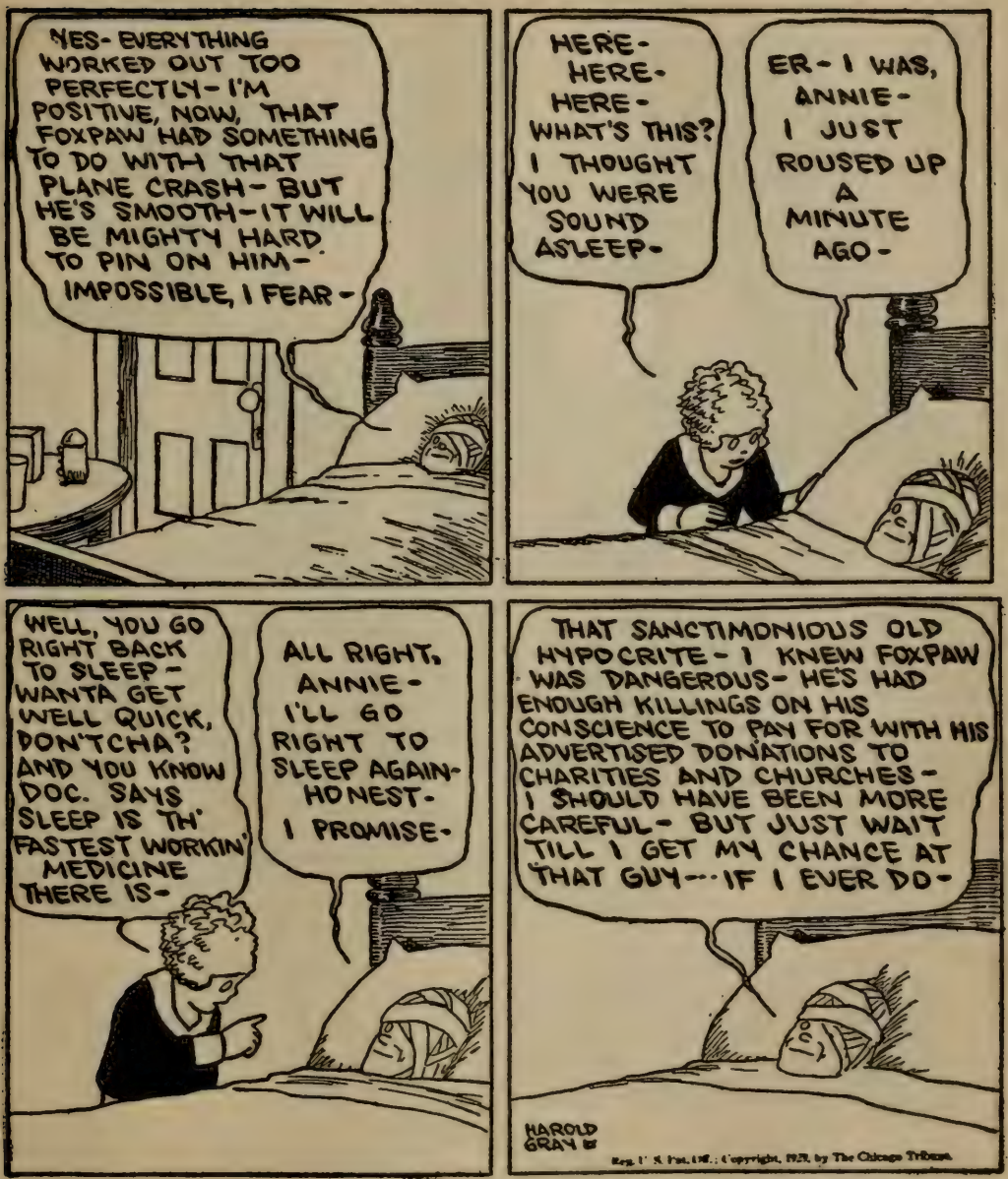
YES- EVERYTHING WORKED OUT TOO PERFECTLY- I'M POSITIVE, NOW, THAT FOXPAW HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT PLANE CRASH- BUT HE'S SMOOTH- IT WILL BE MIGHTY HARD TO PIN ON HIM- IMPOSSIBLE, I FEAR-
HERE- HERE- HERE- WHAT'S THIS? I THOUGHT YOU WERE SOUND ASLEEP-
ER- I WAS, ANNIE- I JUST ROUSED UP A MINUTE AGO-
WELL, YOU GO RIGHT BACK TO SLEEP- WANTA GET WELL QUICK, DON'TCHA? AND YOU KNOW DOC. SAYS SLEEP IS TH' FASTEST WORKIN' MEDICINE THERE IS-
ALL RIGHT, ANNIE- I'LL GO RIGHT TO SLEEP AGAIN- HONEST- I PROMISE-
THAT SANCTIMONIOUS OLD HYPOCRITE- I KNEW FOXPAW WAS DANGEROUS- HE'S HAD ENOUGH KILLINGS ON HIS CONSCIENCE TO PAY FOR WITH HIS ADVERTISED DONATIONS TO CHARITIES AND CHURCHES- I SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CAREFUL- BUT JUST WAIT TILL I GET MY CHANCE AT THAT GUY--- IF I EVER DO-
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DON'T YOU FRET ABOUT BEING BROKE, "DADDY"- I'VE BEEN THINKIN' IT OVER AND THINGS MIGHT BE A WHOLE LOT WORSE-
I'M STRONG AN' HEALTHY- I CAN GET A JOB IN A REST'RANT- I KNOW THAT RACKET- I CAN MAKE PLENTY TO KEEP US BOTH - AN' YOU'LL BE WELL AGAIN 'FORE LONG.
THEN YOU'LL GET A JOB- WE WON'T NEED ALL TH' DOUGH IN TH' WORLD TO BE HAPPY, "DADDY"-
YOU HAVE BEEN THINKING, ANNIE- BUT I HARDLY THINK THINGS WILL BE THAT BAD- I'LL BE O. K. AGAIN SOON - THEN WE'LL SEE.-
WHAT A YOUNGSTER- FIGURING ON TAKING CARE OF ME- BUT THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY- NO NEED OF TELLING HER NOW, BUT I HAVE A LITTLE PUT AWAY- ENOUGH TO LIVE ON- NOT MUCH - A FEW HUNDRED THOUSAND- BUT IT'S FIXED SO FOXPAW CAN NEVER GET IT, AT ANY RATE -
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YESSIR, SANDY - RIGHT UP OVER THAT BUNCH O' TREES IS WHERE IT HAPPENED - ONE WING JUST CAME RIGHT OFF -
LEAPIN' LIZARDS! WHAT A MESS - JUST RUBBISH AN' NOT MUCH OF THAT - WHAT THE CRASH DIDN'T BUST, THE FIRE AND EXPLOSION SURE FINISHED -
"DADDY" IS SURE THAT SOMEBODY MONKEYED WITH THE PLANE TO MAKE IT WRECK- HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PROVE IT, THOUGH - NOT ENOUGH LEFT TO PROVE ANYTHING.
WELL, BEIN' SURE O' SOMETHING LIKE THAT IS ALL RIGHT, I S'POSE - BUT IT DOESN'T GET YUH FAR WHEN YOU CAN'T PROVE IT -
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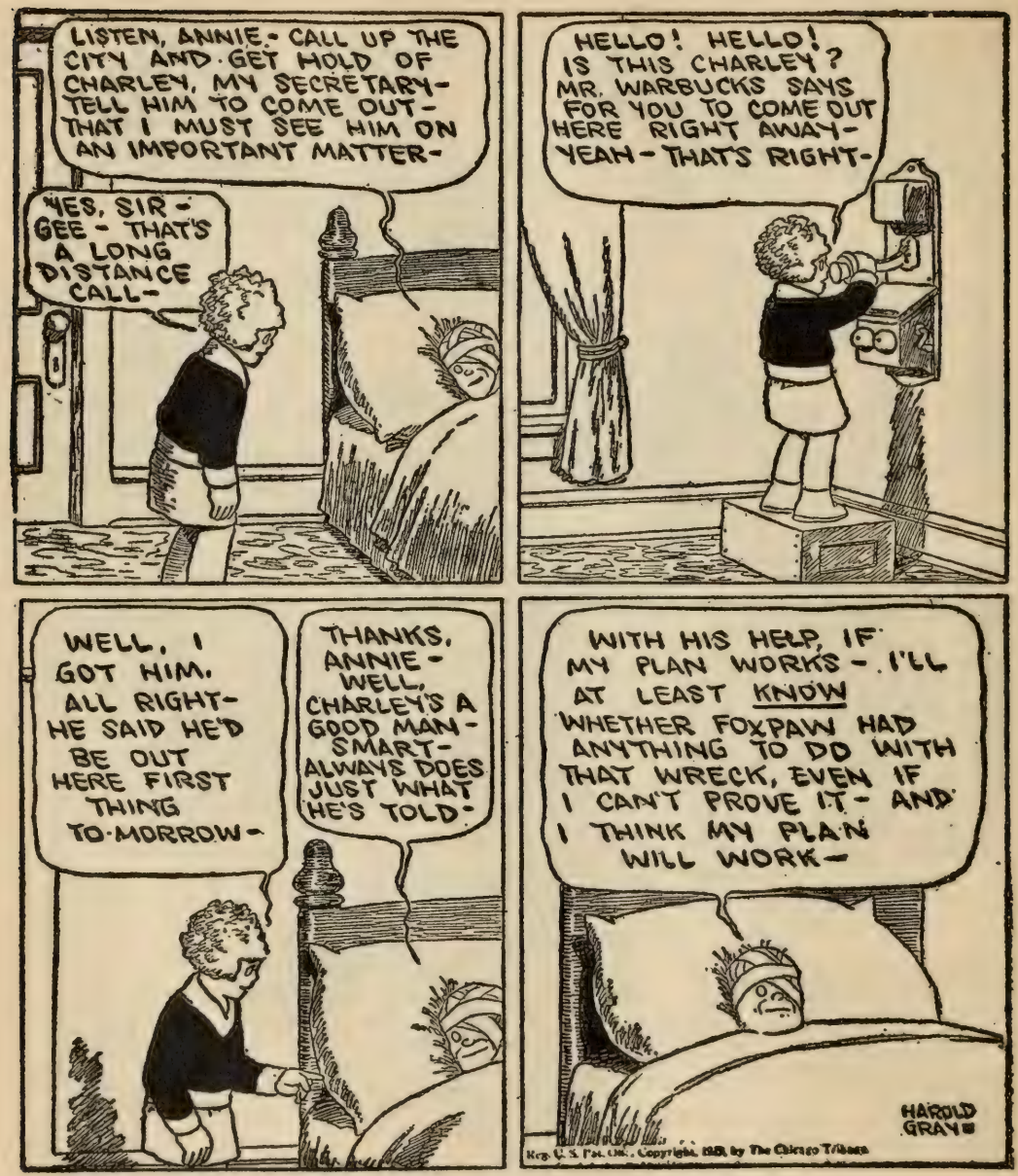
LISTEN, ANNIE - CALL UP THE CITY AND GET HOLD OF CHARLEY, MY SECRETARY - TELL HIM TO COME OUT - THAT I MUST SEE HIM ON AN IMPORTANT MATTER -
YES, SIR - GEE - THAT'S A LONG DISTANCE CALL -
HELLO! HELLO! IS THIS CHARLEY? MR. WARBUCKS SAYS FOR YOU TO COME OUT HERE RIGHT AWAY - YEAH - THAT'S RIGHT -
WELL, I GOT HIM. ALL RIGHT - HE SAID HE'D BE OUT HERE FIRST THING TO-MORROW -
THANKS, ANNIE - WELL, CHARLEY'S A GOOD MAN - SMART - ALWAYS DOES JUST WHAT HE'S TOLD -
WITH HIS HELP, IF MY PLAN WORKS - I'LL AT LEAST KNOW WHETHER FOXPAW HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT WRECK, EVEN IF I CAN'T PROVE IT - AND I THINK MY PLAN WILL WORK -
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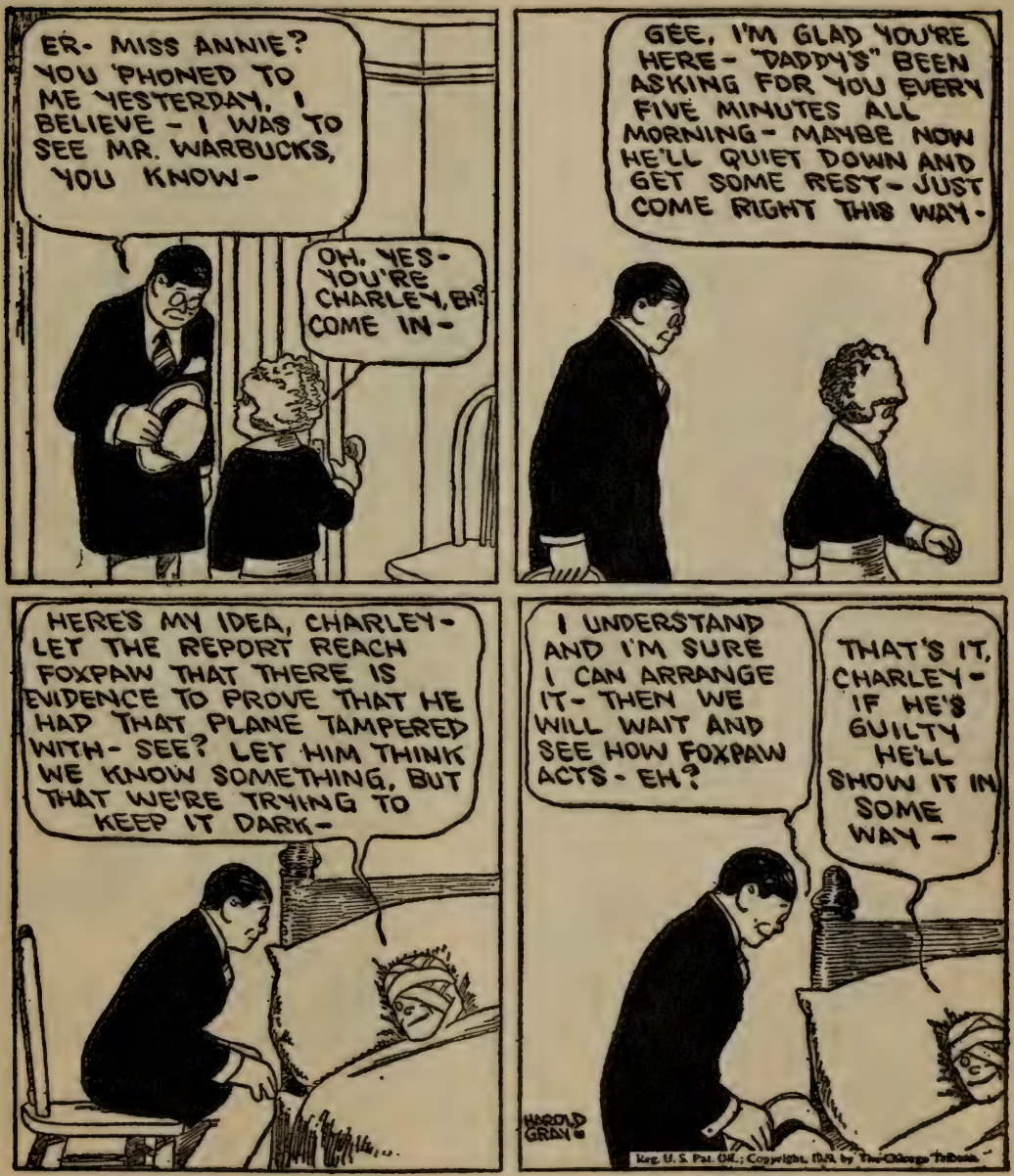
ER- MISS ANNIE? YOU 'PHONED TO ME YESTERDAY, I BELIEVE - I WAS TO SEE MR. WARBUCKS, YOU KNOW-
OH, YES- YOU'RE CHARLEY, EH? COME IN-
GEE, I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE - "DADDY'S" BEEN ASKING FOR YOU EVERY FIVE MINUTES ALL MORNING - MAYBE NOW HE'LL QUIET DOWN AND GET SOME REST - JUST COME RIGHT THIS WAY.
HERE'S MY IDEA, CHARLEY - LET THE REPORT REACH FOXPAW THAT THERE IS EVIDENCE TO PROVE THAT HE HAD THAT PLANE TAMPERED WITH - SEE? LET HIM THINK WE KNOW SOMETHING, BUT THAT WE'RE TRYING TO KEEP IT DARK-
I UNDERSTAND AND I'M SURE I CAN ARRANGE IT - THEN WE WILL WAIT AND SEE HOW FOXPAW ACTS - EH?
THAT'S IT, CHARLEY - IF HE'S GUILTY HE'LL SHOW IT IN SOME WAY -
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YOU'RE CERTAINLY COMING ON FINE- A WEEK AGO I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED YOU'D BE ABLE TO SIT UP SO SOON- BUT WE MUSTN'T TRY TO GO TOO FAST-
SIT UP! WHEN DO I GET UP? THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW- EXERCISE IS WHAT I NEED AND HOW AM I GOING TO GET IT AS LONG AS I STAY IN BED?
HM-M-M··· WELL, YOU'D BETTER LIE DOWN AGAIN. NOW-MUSTN'T LET YOU OVERDO THE FIRST DAY-
OVERDO! SAY- I'VE ONLY BEEN SITTING UP ABOUT TEN MINUTES- GUESS I AM RATHER WEAK YET, AT THAT-
YES- EASY DOES IT- TRY TO HURRY TOO FAST AND WE'D LOSE ALL WE'VE GAINED- BUT I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL- EVEN RAPID IMPROVEMENT ALWAYS SEEMS MIGHTY SLOW TO THE PATIENT-
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WELL, NO LETTERS TO-DAY - JUST TH' SIMMONS CORNERS PAPER - NEVER MUCH NEWS IN IT, BUT IT'LL BE SOMETHING FOR "DADDY" TO READ -
B. Silo
HERE'S A STORY 'BOUT GEORGE WASHINGTON - WHY, THIS IS HIS BIRTHDAY, SANDY - HE MUST HAVE BEEN QUITE A FELLOW, ALL RIGHT - COURSE SOME FOLKS, NOW, SAY HE WASN'T SO MUCH -
BUT THERE WERE A LOT OF SMART GUYS IN THOSE DAYS AND THEY LET HIM BOSS 'EM AND MADE HIM PRESIDENT - THEY MUST HAVE FIGGERED HE WAS ALL RIGHT AND THEY KNEW HIM -
HERE'S THE PAPER, "DADDY" - BUT THERE'S NOTHING MUCH IN IT 'CEPT A STORY 'BOUT GEORGE WASHINGTON AND WE'VE HEARD ALL ABOUT HIM BEFORE -
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GREAT SCOTT! TRACKS EVERY WHERE BUT NOT EVEN A PIECE OF THAT AIRPLANE ANYWHERE- GONE, SLICK AS A WHISTLE-
YESSIR- A BUNCH O' GUYS MUST HAVE SNEAKED INTO THE WOODS AT NIGHT AND HAULED AWAY EVERY BIT OF THAT PLANE- THERE WERE TRACKS THAT SHOWED WHERE A TRUCK STOOD IN THE ROAD NEAR THERE, TOO-
"DADDY"- IT'S GONE- SOMEBODY'S HAULED AWAY THAT PLANE- EVERY BIT OF IT- NOT EVEN A SCRAP O' TIN LEFT- THERE WAS A WHOLE BUNCH OF 'EM AND THEY HAD A TRUCK-
FINE- THAT PROVES IT- FOXPAW HAS A GUILTY CONSCIENCE AND WANTS TO COVER UP- YEP- OUR LITTLE TRICK WORKED PERFECTLY- HE SHOWED HIS HAND-
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RADIO! SAY, THAT'S A THOUGHT, SANDY- HERE'S AN AD IN TH' SIMMONS CORNERS PAPER- IT SAYS THEY'RE GREAT FOR FOLKS WHO ARE SICK IN BED - WHY NOT?
I'VE GOT SOME DOUGH- I'D ALMOST FORGOTTEN 'BOUT IT- "DADDY" GAVE IT TO ME A LONG TIME AGO AND I NEVER SPENT IT-
SURE- THERE'S PLENTY HERE TO BUY A SWELL RADIO LIKE THAT ONE IN THE PAPER- WHY DIDN'T I EVER THINK OF THIS BEFORE? LUCKY I READ THAT AD. TO-NIGHT-
I WONDER IF "DADDY'D" LIKE IT- I COULD SORT OF HINT AROUND AND MAYBE FIND OUT- BUT HE'S TOO SMART- HE'D GUESS - AND I WANT IT TO BE A S'PRISE-
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YESSIR, SANDY - I'M GOIN' TO BUY THAT RADIO FOR "DADDY" - IT'LL GIVE HIM SOMETHIN' TO LISTEN TO BESIDES MR. SILD SQUAWKIN' ALL TH' TIME ABOUT TH' HARD LUCK FARMERS ARE HAVIN' - THAT GETS "DADDY" TOO EXCITED -
ER, MR. SILD - CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHIN'?
SURE, ANNIE - WHAT IS IT?
CAN I GO TO TOWN WITH YOU TO-MORROW WHEN YOU TAKE THAT LOAD OF CORN TO THE ELEVATOR?
YES - I DON'T SEE WHY NOT - THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF ROOM ON THE WAGON.
WHEE! HE'S GOIN' TO TAKE ME TO TOWN, SANDY - AND TH' WAGON WILL BE EMPTY COMIN' BACK SO THERE'LL BE ROOM TO BRING TH' RADIO HOME WITH US -
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LOOKIE WHAT WE BROUGHT YOU, "DADDY"— IT'S A RADIO AND TH' MAN SHOWED ME ALL ABOUT HOW TO HOOK IT UP SO IT'LL WORK—
GREAT SCOTT. ANNIE— THAT'S A BEAUTY—
ISN'T THAT WONDERFUL, BYRON? THAT'S BEAUTIFUL— JUST LIKE AN ORCHESTRA WAS IN THE NEXT ROOM—
WHAT WILL THEY THINK UP NEXT?
SEE IF YOU CAN GET THAT CHAP AGAIN WHO WAS SINGING ALL THOSE FUNNY SONGS, ANNIE—
LISTEN— IT'S 'MOST MIDNIGHT, "DADDY"— YOU'VE GOTTA GO TO SLEEP NOW, AB-SO-LUTELY—
ALL RIGHT, ANNIE — BUT I WISH YOU'D LET ME LISTEN TO THAT QUARTETTE JUST FIVE MORE MINUTES — WHAT DO YOU SAY?
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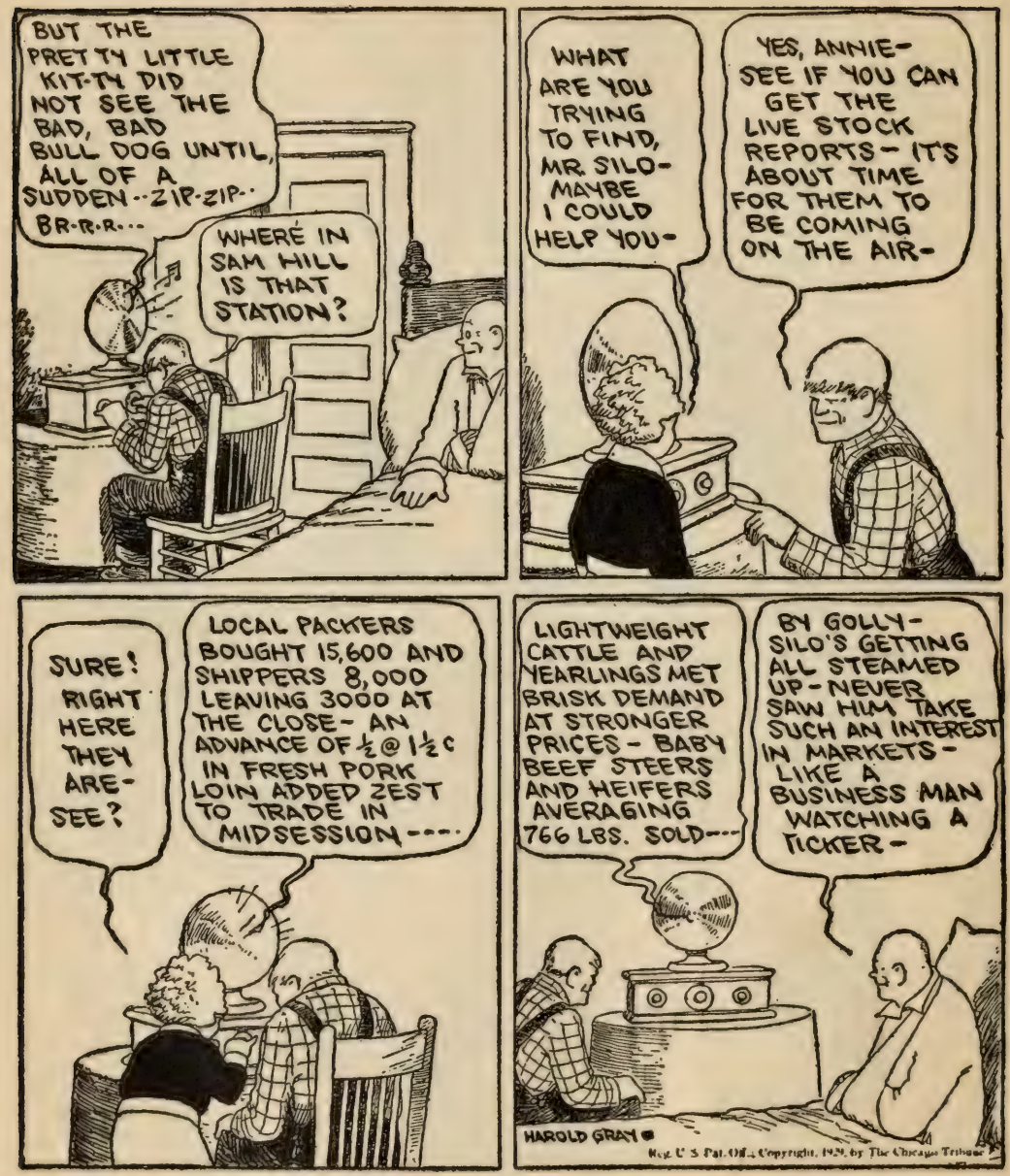
BUT THE PRETTY LITTLE KITTY DID NOT SEE THE BAD, BAD BULL DOG UNTIL, ALL OF A SUDDEN--ZIP-ZIP-- BR-R-R---
WHERE IN SAM HILL IS THAT STATION?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO FIND, MR. SILO- MAYBE I COULD HELP YOU-
YES, ANNIE- SEE IF YOU CAN GET THE LIVE STOCK REPORTS- IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR THEM TO BE COMING ON THE AIR-
SURE! RIGHT HERE THEY ARE- SEE?
LOCAL PACKERS BOUGHT 15,600 AND SHIPPERS 8,000 LEAVING 3000 AT THE CLOSE- AN ADVANCE OF ½@1½c IN FRESH PORK LOIN ADDED ZEST TO TRADE IN MIDSESSION----
LIGHTWEIGHT CATTLE AND YEARLINGS MET BRISK DEMAND AT STRONGER PRICES- BABY BEEF STEERS AND HEIFERS AVERAGING 766 LBS. SOLD---
BY GOLLY- SILO'S GETTING ALL STEAMED UP- NEVER SAW HIM TAKE SUCH AN INTEREST IN MARKETS- LIKE A BUSINESS MAN WATCHING A TICKER-
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STEADY, NOW- TAKE IT EASY- THERE WE ARE- THAT'S A LITTLE BETTER, EH? I THOUGHT SO-
LOOK OUT YOU DON'T HURT YOUR HAND, "DADDY"-
HEY! FOLKS! COME QUICK- WE'VE GOT A S'PRISE FOR YOU- I'LL BET YOU CAN'T GUESS WHAT IT IS-
WELL, WELL, WELL- SITTING UP IN A CHAIR, EH? I SAID THEY NEVER COULD KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN VERY LONG-
MY, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU COMING ALONG SO FAST- WHEN THEY CARRIED YOU IN THAT DAY I TOLD BYRON THEY COULDN'T FOOL ME- I KNEW YOU'D RECOVER-
GUESS I'M ONE BIRD THEY'LL HAVE TO SHOOT ON JUDGMENT DAY-
YES- I'M GETTING WELL- BUT IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOU, ANNIE, AND THE SILOS, I'D NEVER HAVE MADE THE GRADE- I'LL ALWAYS BELIEVE REAL FRIENDS PULLING FOR YOU DO MORE IN A CRISIS THAN ALL THE DOCTORS AND MEDICINES IN THE WORLD-
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LEAPIN' LIZARDS! LOOKIE, SANDY- THAT TREE LOOKS LIKE IT'S SPRUNG A LEAK-
C'MON- WE'VE GOTTA TELL MRS SILO 'BOUT THIS- SHE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO- GEE- IT'S LI'BLE TO BLEED TO DEATH OR SOMETHIN'-
WHERE IS THIS TREE, ANNIE?
JUST A LITTLE WAY FROM HERE- AND IT'S NOT THE ONLY ONE- THERE'S A BUNCH OF 'EM AND THEY'RE ALL TH' SAME-
WHY, THAT'S A HARD MAPLE TREE, ANNIE- THAT'S THE SAP- SOME YEARS IT COMES UP EARLIER THAN THIS YEAR AND SOME TIMES LATER- THAT'S WHAT MAPLE SUGAR AND MAPLE SYRUP ARE MADE FROM-
MAPLE SUGAR? FROM SAP? GEE- I NEVER KNEW THAT- GUESS I'M A SAP -
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YES- GATHERING SAP FOR MAPLE SYRUP IS A SIMPLE OPERATION- FIRST WE BORE A HOLE DEEP ENOUGH TO TAP THE SAP, BUT NOT DEEP ENOUGH TO INJURE THE TREE.
THEN WE DRIVE THIS WOODEN PLUG INTO THE HOLE- YOU SEE THERE IS A GROOVE IN THE PLUG MAKING IT A TROUGH, AND THE OUTER END IS LOWER SO THE SAP WILL DRAIN AWAY FROM THE TREE.
THEN, IN A NOTCH ON THE END OF THIS PLUG, WE HANG A PAIL- IN BIG SUGAR CAMPS THEY USE LARGE WOODEN BUCKETS- BUT, ON A SMALL SCALE AS WE ARE, WE CAN EMPTY THE PAILS OFTEN.
BY GOLLY- IT WORKS, ALL RIGHT- DRIPPIN' AWAY TO BEAT TH' BAND- TH' TREE PULLS TH' SAP UP FROM ITS ROOTS AND WE PLUG IN AND SWIPE SOME OF IT ON THE WAY BY AND THE TREE NEVER MISSES IT- THAT'S SURE FOOLIN' TH' TREE.
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A SWEET JOB

GEE - ANOTHER HOUR AND THIS BUCKET WOULD HAVE RUN OVER - DOESN'T SEEM TO BE DRIPPIN' VERY FAST, BUT IT'S S'PRISIN' HOW ONE DROP AFTER ANOTHER ADDS UP INTO PAIL-FULLS -
KINDA CHILLY TO-DAY, BUT YUH DON'T GET MUCH TIME TO FEEL COLD AT THIS JOB - GOTTA KEEP STEPPIN' EVERY SECOND TO KEEP UP -
YOU'D THINK THIS KETTLE WOULD GET FULL AFTER A WHILE - BUT THE MORE IT BOILS THE LOWER IT GETS -
SURE A LOT O' WORK TO THIS MAPLE SYRUP RACKET - THIS THING'S BEEN GOIN' ON FOR A DAY AND NIGHT NOW AND MR. SILO SAYS WE'VE JUST STARTED - WELL, I NEVER QUIT ON ANY JOB YET -
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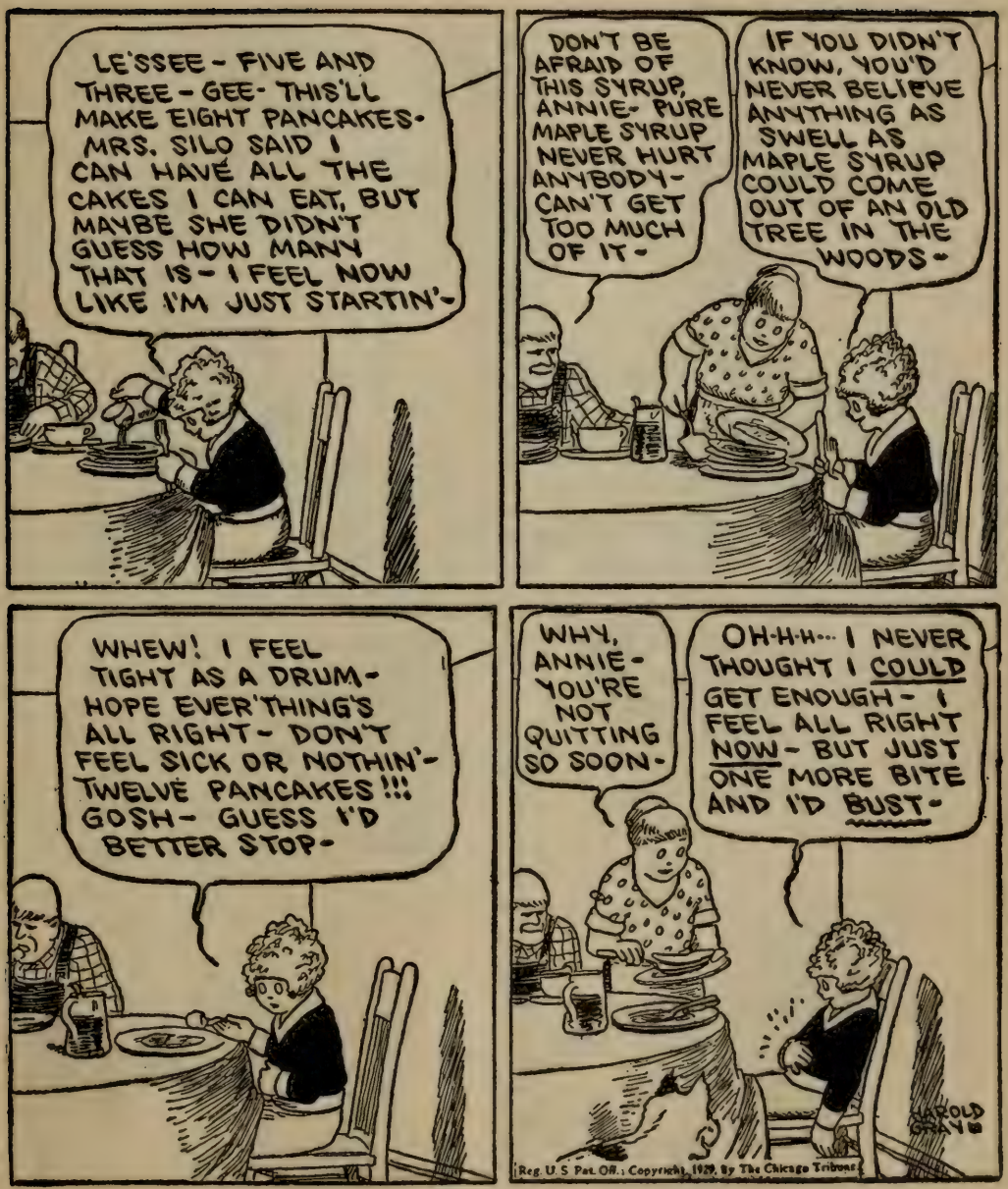
LE'SSEE - FIVE AND THREE - GEE - THIS'LL MAKE EIGHT PANCAKES - MRS. SILO SAID I CAN HAVE ALL THE CAKES I CAN EAT, BUT MAYBE SHE DIDN'T GUESS HOW MANY THAT IS - I FEEL NOW LIKE I'M JUST STARTIN'-
DON'T BE AFRAID OF THIS SYRUP, ANNIE - PURE MAPLE SYRUP NEVER HURT ANYBODY - CAN'T GET TOO MUCH OF IT -
IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW, YOU'D NEVER BELIEVE ANYTHING AS SWELL AS MAPLE SYRUP COULD COME OUT OF AN OLD TREE IN THE WOODS -
WHEW! I FEEL TIGHT AS A DRUM - HOPE EVER'THING'S ALL RIGHT - DON'T FEEL SICK OR NOTHIN'- TWELVE PANCAKES!!! GOSH - GUESS I'D BETTER STOP -
WHY, ANNIE - YOU'RE NOT QUITTING SO SOON -
OH-H-H··· I NEVER THOUGHT I COULD GET ENOUGH - I FEEL ALL RIGHT NOW - BUT JUST ONE MORE BITE AND I'D BUST -
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HOW IS IT NOW, MRS. SILO? OUGHTA BE 'BOUT THICK ENOUGH. HADN'T IT?
YES, ANNIE- YOU'D BETTER GET THOSE MOLDS WE SET IN THE SUMMER KITCHEN TO COOL AND EMPTY THEM- THEN WE CAN POUR THIS BATCH-
YESSIR- MAPLE SUGAR- IT SURE TAKES A HEAP O' SAP TO MAKE JUST ONE CHUNK O' SUGAR- BETCHA THERE'S LOTS O' CITY KIDS WHO DON'T KNOW HOW IT'S MADE- I NEVER DID BEFORE-
PRETTY, EH, SANDY? AND GOOD, TOO- 'BOUT TH' BEST CANDY THERE IS- PURE SUGAR AND NOTHIN' ELSE- YUH CAN'T BEAT THAT-
HERE, I'LL SPLIT ONE PIECE WITH YOU- IT CAN'T HURT YOU, SANDY- JUST MELTS IN YOUR MOUTH- SHUX - FARMIN' ISN'T SUCH A TOUGH RACKET, AFTER ALL-
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MR. WARBUCKS IS COMING ALONG FINE, BUT HE'S SURELY BEEN LAID UP FOR A LONG TIME- WHAT DATE WAS IT HE WAS HURT?
JANUARY 25- I'LL REMEMBER THAT DAY AS LONG AS I LIVE- NEARLY TWO MONTHS AGO- AND HE ISN'T WELL YET-
WHY, MR. WARBUCKS!
HELLO, FOLKS!
WHY, "DADDY"-
SURPRISED YOU, EH, TO SEE ME UP AND AROUND AGAIN? WELL, I'VE GOT TO WALK SOME TIME-
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT TH' DOC. SAID, "DADDY"- YOU MUSTN'T TRY TO RUSH THINGS. GEE, BUT IT SURE IS SWELL TO SEE YOU WALKING-
OH, I'M STILL A LITTLE SHAKY- BUT THAT WILL WEAR OFF SOON, NOW THAT I CAN GET AROUND- WHAT DO YOU SAY, SANDY? GLAD TO SEE ME UP, TOO?
ARF! ARF!
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LOOK- A MAN DROVE A BIG TRACTOR UP TH' ROAD AND TURNED INTO THAT FIELD AND MR. SILO WAS THERE AND TH' MAN WENT AWAY AND MR. SILO STARTED RUNNIN' TH' TRACTOR- SEE HIM OVER THERE?
LOOKIE, SANDY. THAT THING IS PULLIN' A WHOLE BUNCH O' PLOWS JUST AS EASY- HEY! MR. SILO! WAIT A MINUTE, CAN'TCHA?
BYRON- WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT BIG TRACTOR? WHOSE MACHINE IS IT?
IT'S OURS- I BOUGHT IT- IT'LL DO THE WORK OF AT LEAST A DOZEN HORSES- DO IT BETTER, QUICKER AND CHEAPER- ORDERED IT LAST WEEK- FELLER JUST DELIVERED IT-
BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT AT ALL- BYRON NEVER TOLD ME A THING ABOUT IT-
FOOLED YOU, EH? WELL, THIS IS APRIL FOOL'S DAY- BUT THAT'S ABOUT THE SMARTEST MOVE SILO COULD HAVE MADE-
AW, HE WASN'T TRYIN' TO FOOL YOU- HE JUST WANTED TO S'PRISE YOU- HE SURE S'PRISED US ALL- EH, SANDY?
ARF!
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HERE'S BILL BOWER AND HIS MEN ALL READY TO START PAINTING THE BARNS- I'LL HAVE TO GO OUT AND SHOW THEM WHERE TO START-
BYRON! BYRON!
MORNIN', BILL- WELL, I SEE YOU'RE GOING TO GET A GOOD EARLY START- I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE TO BEGIN.
BYRON- YOU DIDN'T TELL ME YOU WERE FIGURING ON PAINTING THE BARNS THIS SPRING-
WELL, THEY NEED PAINT- AND, BESIDES, IT WILL MAKE THE PLACE LOOK BETTER TO BRIGHTEN IT UP A LITTLE
YELLOW! WHY, THE BARNS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN RED BEFORE-
YEP- THAT'S A GOOD COLOR- DIFFERENT AND UP-TO-DATE- A BARN DOESN'T JUST HAVE TO BE RED, DOES IT?
YELLOW
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HM-M-M-M- THIS CHAP SAYS HE SAVED $811.00 IN ONE YEAR WITH ONE OF 'EM - THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY -
?
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU READING? "ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER PLANTS"- BYRON - YOU'RE NOT GETTING INTERESTED IN ONE OF THOSE THINGS!
WHY NOT?
BUT, BYRON - THINK OF THE EXPENSE!
'TWON'T COST MUCH- RECORDS SHOW THAT 33½ CENTS WORTH OF ELECTRICITY A DAY WILL LIGHT THE HOUSE AND BARNS, WASH AND IRON, CLEAN THE RUGS, RUN THE CREAM SEPARATOR AND A REFRIGERATOR.
AND GRIND FEED, ELEVATE CORN, PUMP WATER AND MILK ABOUT TEN COWS - THE PLANT WILL PAY FOR ITSELF IN NO TIME - WE HAVE AN ENGINE NOW PUMPING WATER - I'VE BEEN STUDYING THIS THING OUT -
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LET THERE BE LIGHT

GEE-THOSE GUYS SURE WORKED FAST TO GET ALL TH' WIRES AND THINGS UP AND LIGHTS WORKIN' IN ONE DAY-
IT WAS A SIMPLE JOB- I TOLD THEM TO RUSH THE WORK- WE'VE WAITED FOR ELECTRIC LIGHTS LONG ENOUGH-
NOW ONE CAN SEE TO WORK AND THERE'S NO DANGER OF SETTING THE BARN ON FIRE WITH A LANTERN-
I HEAR THAT OLD ROOSTER CROWIN'- IT'S SO BRIGHT HE THINKS IT'S MORNING-
MY-I NEVER REALIZED WHAT A DIFFERENCE GOOD LIGHT IN THE KITCHEN COULD MAKE- ONE THING, I'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL TO KEEP THE CORNERS CLEAN NOW THAT WE CAN SEE INTO THEM SO CLEARLY-
I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED WE'D HAVE ELECTRIC LIGHTS SOMETIME, BUT I NEVER BELIEVED WE WOULD-
WE'D HAVE HAD 'EM A LONG TIME AGO IF I'D EVER REALIZED HOW CHEAP THEY ARE AND WHAT A DIFFERENCE THEY MAKE-
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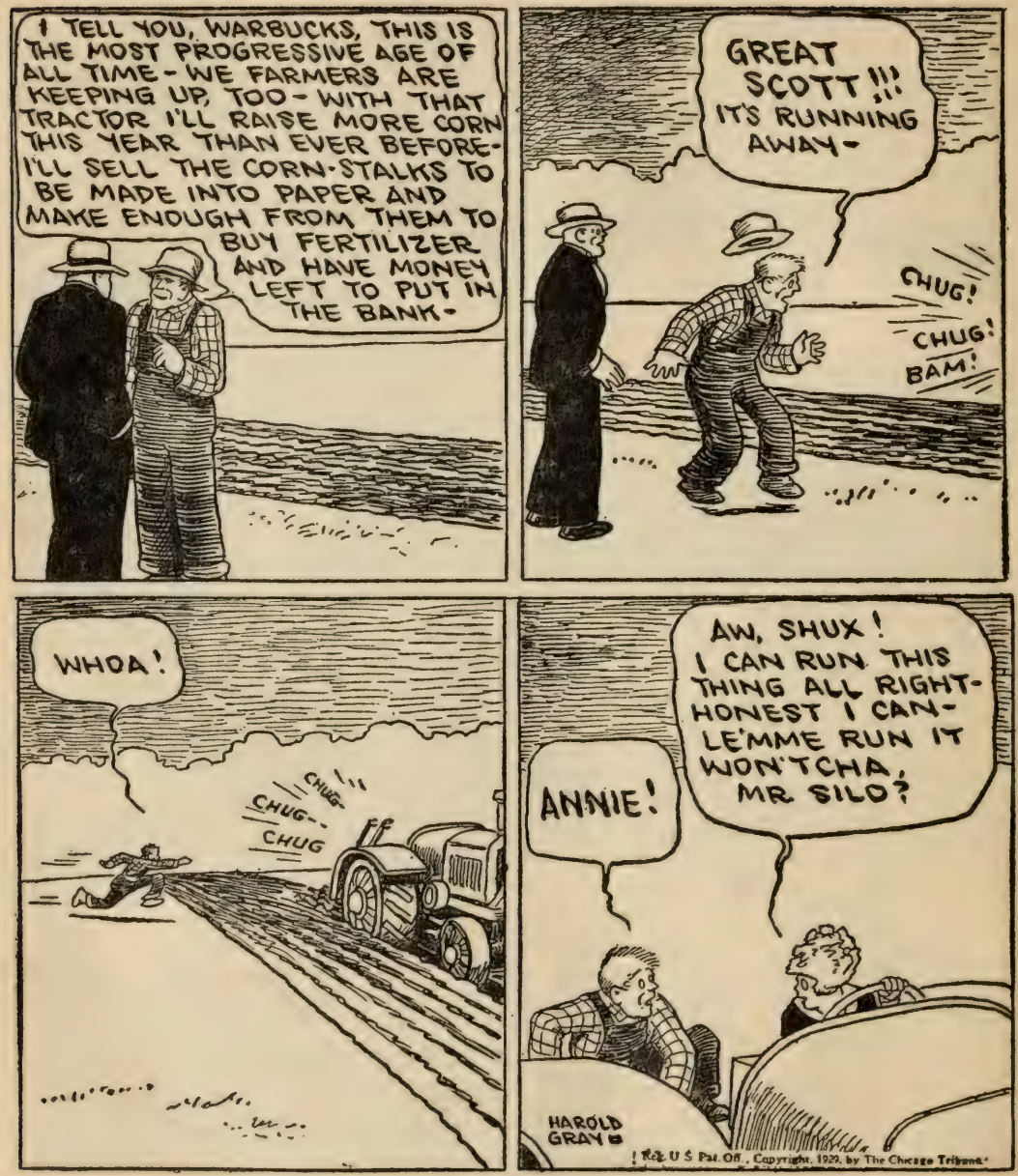
I TELL YOU, WARBUCKS, THIS IS THE MOST PROGRESSIVE AGE OF ALL TIME - WE FARMERS ARE KEEPING UP, TOO - WITH THAT TRACTOR I'LL RAISE MORE CORN THIS YEAR THAN EVER BEFORE - I'LL SELL THE CORN-STALKS TO BE MADE INTO PAPER AND MAKE ENOUGH FROM THEM TO BUY FERTILIZER AND HAVE MONEY LEFT TO PUT IN THE BANK -
GREAT SCOTT!!! IT'S RUNNING AWAY -
CHUG!
CHUG!
BAM!
WHOA!
CHUG
CHUG-
CHUG
ANNIE!
AW, SHUX! I CAN RUN THIS THING ALL RIGHT - HONEST I CAN - LE'MME RUN IT WON'TCHA, MR SILO?
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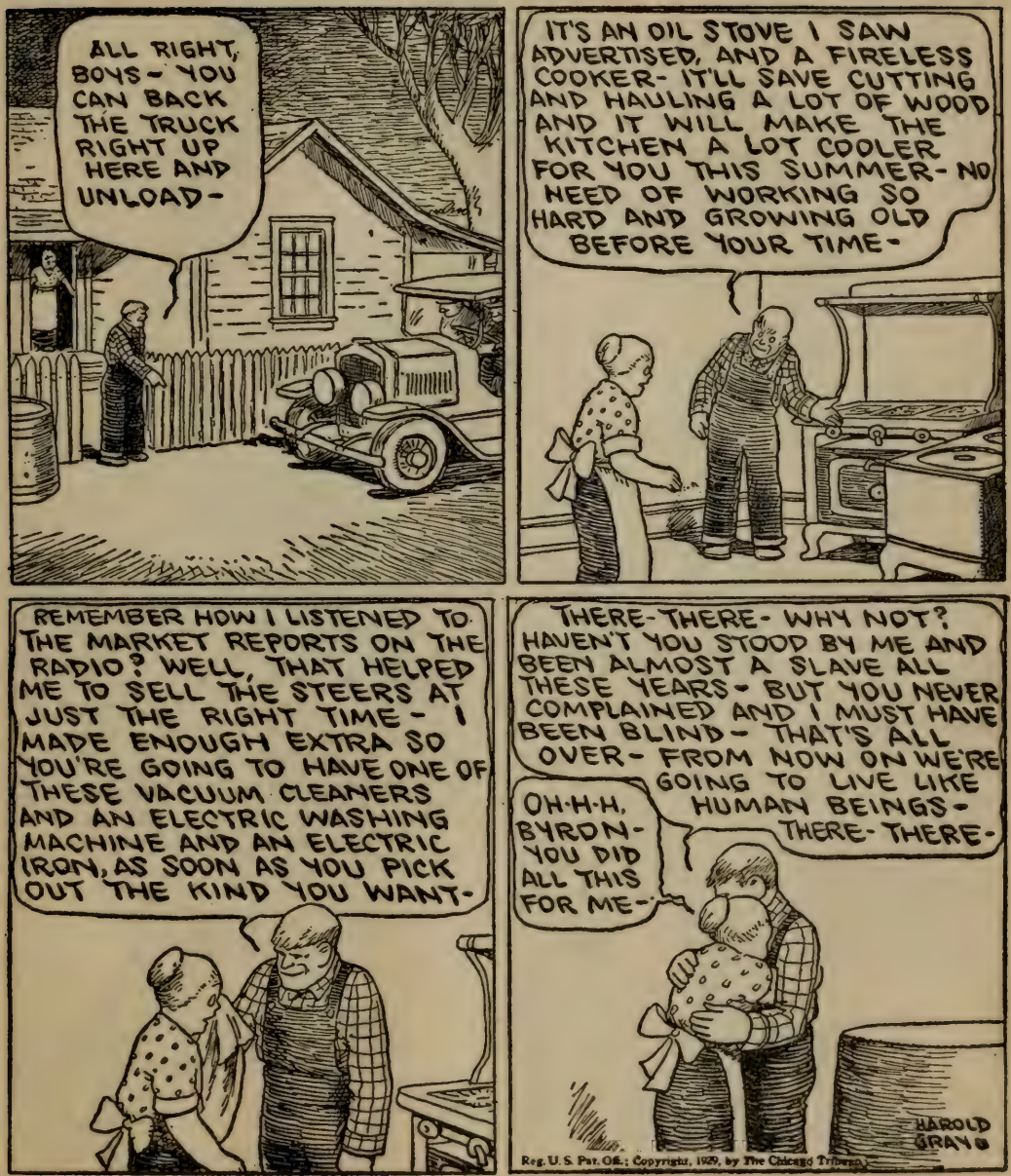
ALL RIGHT, BOYS - YOU CAN BACK THE TRUCK RIGHT UP HERE AND UNLOAD -
IT'S AN OIL STOVE I SAW ADVERTISED, AND A FIRELESS COOKER - IT'LL SAVE CUTTING AND HAULING A LOT OF WOOD AND IT WILL MAKE THE KITCHEN A LOT COOLER FOR YOU THIS SUMMER - NO NEED OF WORKING SO HARD AND GROWING OLD BEFORE YOUR TIME -
REMEMBER HOW I LISTENED TO THE MARKET REPORTS ON THE RADIO? WELL, THAT HELPED ME TO SELL THE STEERS AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME - I MADE ENOUGH EXTRA SO YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE ONE OF THESE VACUUM CLEANERS AND AN ELECTRIC WASHING MACHINE AND AN ELECTRIC IRON, AS SOON AS YOU PICK OUT THE KIND YOU WANT -
THERE - THERE - WHY NOT? HAVEN'T YOU STOOD BY ME AND BEEN ALMOST A SLAVE ALL THESE YEARS - BUT YOU NEVER COMPLAINED AND I MUST HAVE BEEN BLIND - THAT'S ALL OVER - FROM NOW ON WE'RE GOING TO LIVE LIKE HUMAN BEINGS - THERE - THERE -
OH-H-H, BYRON - YOU DID ALL THIS FOR ME -
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GARDEN SEEDS !!!
GEE, I DIDN'T KNOW THOSE WERE IN THE HOUSE-
I BOUGHT THEM LAST WEEK, ANNIE - AND WE'LL HAVE TO GET OUR GARDEN STARTED SOON OR ALL OUR NEIGHBORS WILL GET AHEAD OF US THIS YEAR-
BUT WE'LL SOAK THE SEEDS BEFORE WE SOW THEM- THAT WILL MAKE THEM COME UP LOTS QUICKER-
GEE - AREN'T TH' PITCHERS PRETTY? AND JUST LOOK HOW MANY DIFFERENT KINDS O' SEEDS THERE ARE-
SWEET CORN, PARSNIPS, TURNIPS, BEETS, CARROTS, RADISHES, WAX BEANS AN' LIMA BEANS, PEAS- EGG PLANT AND OYSTER PLANT- SAY- ARE THEY TRYIN' TO KID SOMEBODY? EGGS AND OYSTERS DON'T GROW ON PLANTS - S'POSE THEY'LL HAVE WHIFFLE-TREE SEED NEXT- OH, I GUESS THOSE ARE JUST TRICK NAMES FOR SOME KIND OF CAULIFLOWER-
OH, BABY! MUSKMELONS OR CANTALOUPES - "LUSCIOUS, SWEET AND DELICIOUS FLAVOR"- GEE, I COULD GO FOR A COUPLE OF 'EM LIKE THIS PITCHER RIGHT NOW- UM-M-M-M-M-.. SUMMER CAN'T COME ANY TOO SOON FOR ME-
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SPRING CLEANING

MR. SILO SAYS IF I'LL CLEAN UP THE OLD WEEDS AND TRASH HE'LL PLOW THE GARDEN-
IT SURE BEATS ALL HOW MANY OLD WEEDS AND STALKS AND THINGS THERE ARE TO CLEAN UP IN A GARDEN EVERY SPRING- BUT I DON'T MIND-
IT'S A LOT OF WORK, BUT IT'S FUN, TOO- NOW I'LL GO AND ASK MRS. SILO FOR SOME MATCHES- THIS STUFF OUGHT TO BURN GREAT-
WE'LL STAY AND WATCH TILL THIS TRASH IS BURNED UP CLEAN- IT'S NEVER SAFE TO LEAVE A FIRE GOIN', 'SPECIALLY THIS CLOSE TO A HOUSE-
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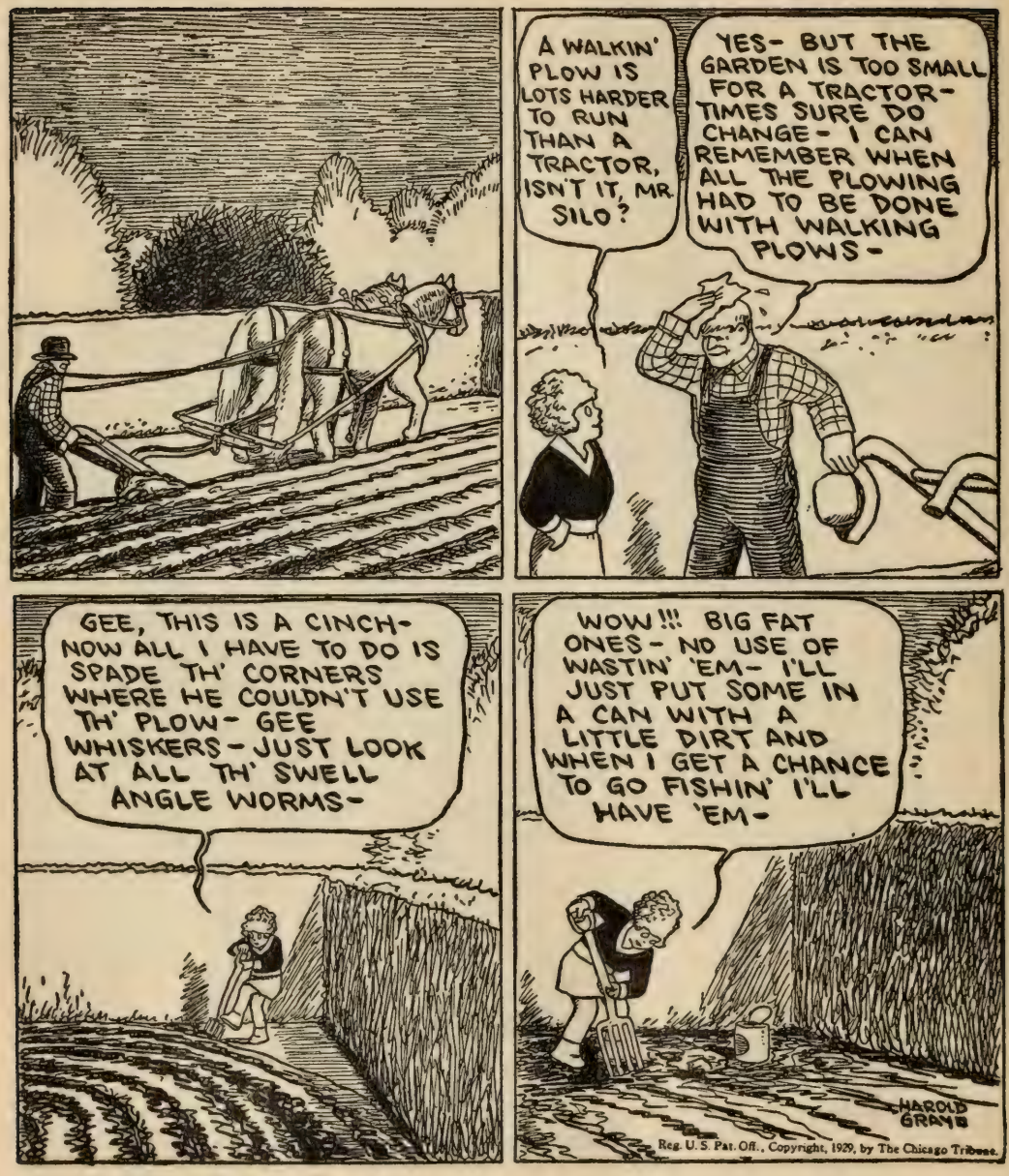
A WALKIN' PLOW IS LOTS HARDER TO RUN THAN A TRACTOR, ISN'T IT, MR. SILO?
YES- BUT THE GARDEN IS TOO SMALL FOR A TRACTOR- TIMES SURE DO CHANGE- I CAN REMEMBER WHEN ALL THE PLOWING HAD TO BE DONE WITH WALKING PLOWS-
GEE, THIS IS A CINCH- NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS SPADE TH' CORNERS WHERE HE COULDN'T USE TH' PLOW- GEE WHISKERS- JUST LOOK AT ALL TH' SWELL ANGLE WORMS-
WOW!!! BIG FAT ONES- NO USE OF WASTIN' 'EM- I'LL JUST PUT SOME IN A CAN WITH A LITTLE DIRT AND WHEN I GET A CHANCE TO GO FISHIN' I'LL HAVE 'EM-
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SHE KNOWS HIS WEAKNESS

MRS. SILO SAYS ONE O' TH' MOST 'PORTANT PARTS OF A GOOD GARDEN IS GETTIN' TH' GROUND RAKED NICE AN' SMOOTH BEFORE YUH SOW TH' SEEDS-
C'MON, SANDY- YOU RUN ALONG OUTSIDE NOW- YOUR FEET ARE TOO BIG AND HEAVY TO DO A GARDEN ANY GOOD-
LET YOU GET TO HANGING AROUND IN HERE AND, FIRST THING WE KNOW, YOU'D BE BURYIN' A BONE IN THE LETTUCE PATCH, OR SOMETHIN'-
NO SIR- THAT GARDENS NOT FOR LITTLE DOGS- IT'S TOO EASY DIGGIN' IN THERE- AND I'M NOT GOIN' TO LET YOU GET INTO A MESS O' TROUBLE AS LONG AS I CAN HELP IT-
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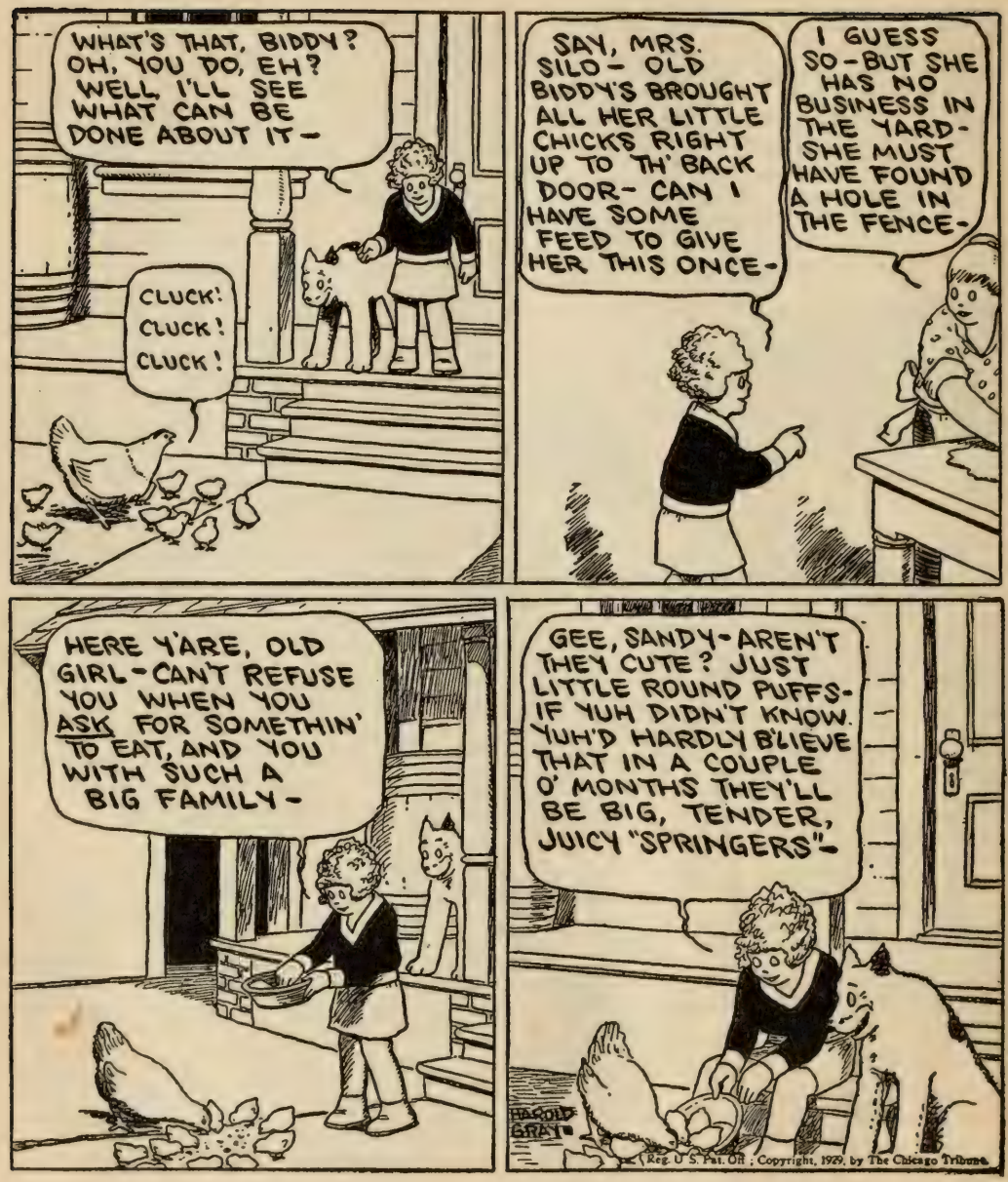
WHAT'S THAT, BIDDY? OH, YOU DO, EH? WELL, I'LL SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT-
CLUCK! CLUCK! CLUCK!
SAY, MRS. SILO- OLD BIDDY'S BROUGHT ALL HER LITTLE CHICKS RIGHT UP TO TH' BACK DOOR- CAN I HAVE SOME FEED TO GIVE HER THIS ONCE-
I GUESS SO- BUT SHE HAS NO BUSINESS IN THE YARD- SHE MUST HAVE FOUND A HOLE IN THE FENCE-
HERE Y'ARE, OLD GIRL- CAN'T REFUSE YOU WHEN YOU ASK FOR SOMETHIN' TO EAT, AND YOU WITH SUCH A BIG FAMILY-
GEE, SANDY- AREN'T THEY CUTE? JUST LITTLE ROUND PUFFS- IF YUH DIDN'T KNOW. YUH'D HARDLY B'LIEVE THAT IN A COUPLE O' MONTHS THEY'LL BE BIG, TENDER, JUICY "SPRINGERS"-
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LITTLE ANGLER ANNIE

THOSE WORMS ARE NO GOOD - NOT WORKIN' AT ALL - JUST LAZY - I'VE BEEN SITTIN' HERE TWO HOURS AND NOT EVEN A NIBBLE - I'LL WAIT ANOTHER FIVE MINUTES - THEN I'M GOIN' HOME.....
OH!!! SANDY!!! I'VE SNAGGED SOMETHIN'!!! JUST WATCH HIM GO -
WOW! GOT HIM!!!
LEAPIN' LIZARDS!!! HE'S A WHOPPER - ALMOST YANKED ME INTO TH' CREEK - WONDER WHAT KIND HE IS - MR. SILO SAID I WOULDN'T CATCH ANYTHING BUT A COLD - WAIT'LL HE SEES THIS -
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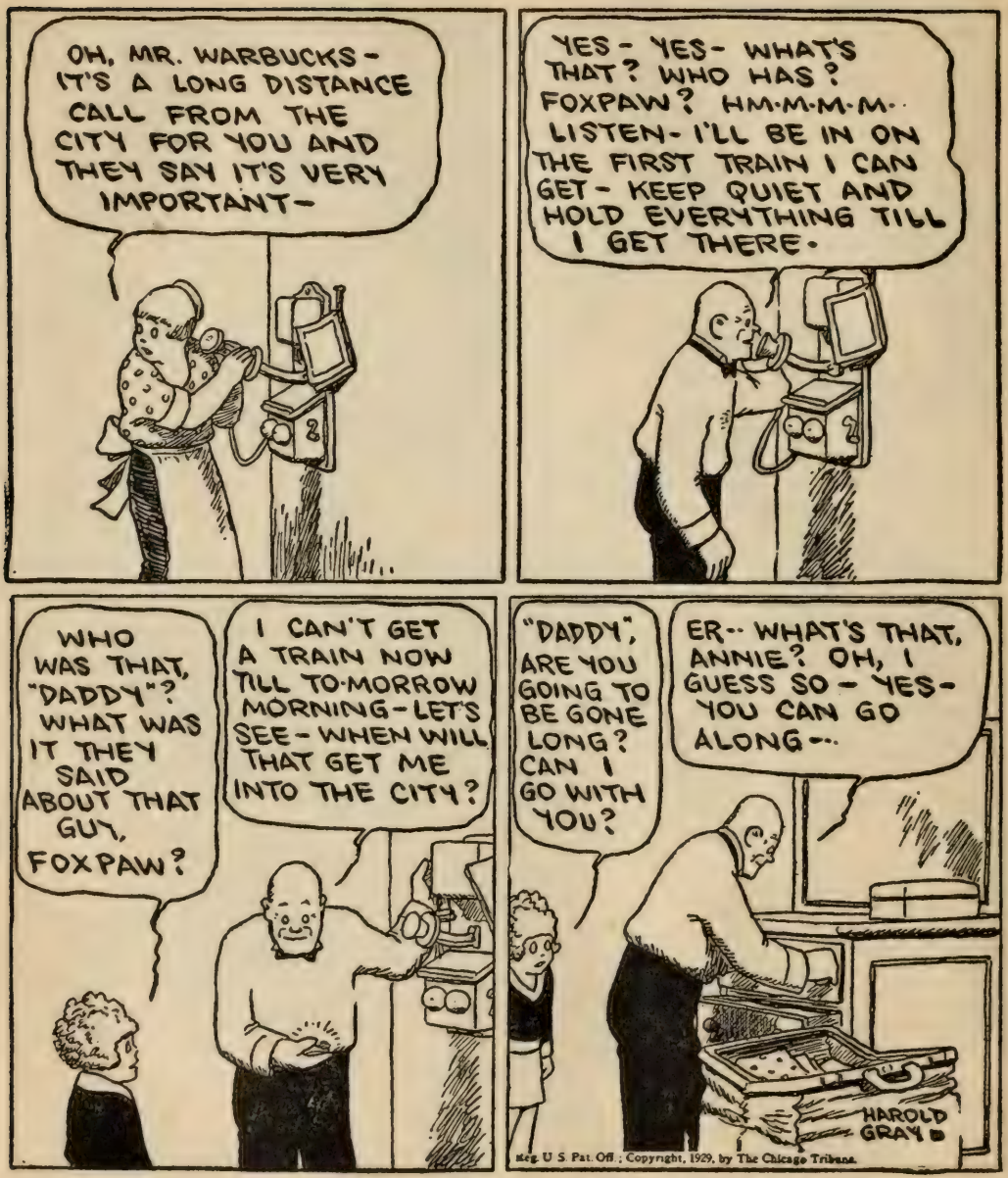
OH, MR. WARBUCKS - IT'S A LONG DISTANCE CALL FROM THE CITY FOR YOU AND THEY SAY IT'S VERY IMPORTANT-
YES - YES - WHAT'S THAT? WHO HAS? FOXPAW? HM-M-M-M-M.. LISTEN - I'LL BE IN ON THE FIRST TRAIN I CAN GET - KEEP QUIET AND HOLD EVERYTHING TILL I GET THERE.
WHO WAS THAT, "DADDY"? WHAT WAS IT THEY SAID ABOUT THAT GUY, FOXPAW?
I CAN'T GET A TRAIN NOW TILL TO-MORROW MORNING - LET'S SEE - WHEN WILL THAT GET ME INTO THE CITY?
"DADDY", ARE YOU GOING TO BE GONE LONG? CAN I GO WITH YOU?
ER.. WHAT'S THAT, ANNIE? OH, I GUESS SO - YES - YOU CAN GO ALONG...
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GOOD-BY, ANNIE- BE SURE TO WRITE OFTEN-
LUCKY YOU GOT THEM TO STOP THE LIMITED FOR YOU-
YES- IT WILL SAVE ME SEVERAL HOURS AND MINUTES COUNT WITH ME NOW-
GOOD-BY, MRS. SILO- I'LL WRITE- YOU BET-
GOOD-BY, ANNIE- GOOD-BY-
GOOD-BY, ANNIE- COME BACK AND SEE US SOON-
GOOD-BY- TELL 'EM GOOD-BY, SANDY-
THEY'RE SURE TWO MIGHTY WONDERFUL PEOPLE- GOOD-BY-
ARF!
GEE, THIS TRAIN SURE IS MOVIN', EH, "DADDY"?
HUH- I COULD RUN THIS FAST- WE'RE TWENTY MINUTES LATE NOW- EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON MY BEING IN THE CITY- AN HOUR CAN MEAN EVERYTHING-
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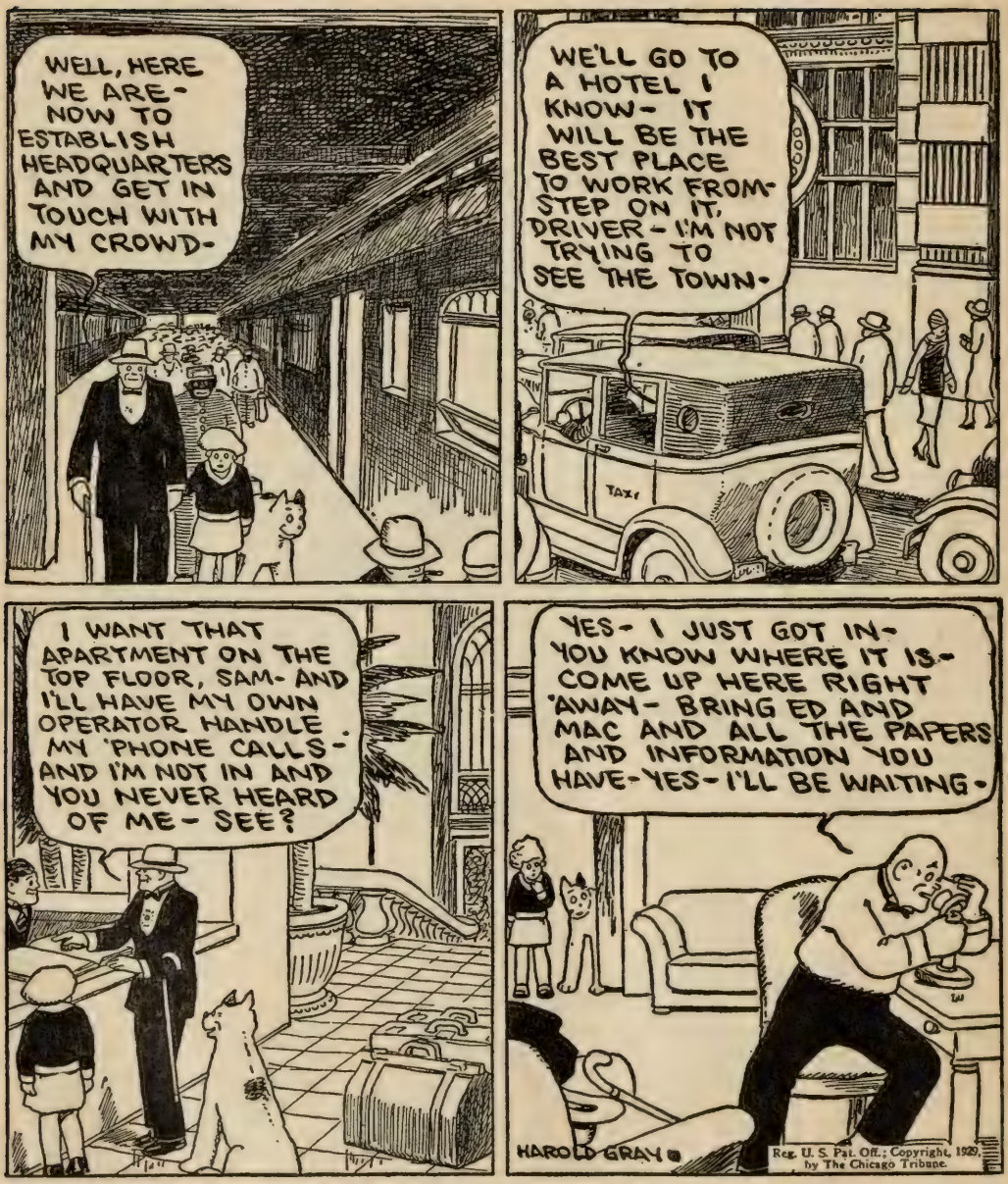
WELL, HERE WE ARE- NOW TO ESTABLISH HEADQUARTERS AND GET IN TOUCH WITH MY CROWD-
WE'LL GO TO A HOTEL I KNOW- IT WILL BE THE BEST PLACE TO WORK FROM- STEP ON IT, DRIVER- I'M NOT TRYING TO SEE THE TOWN-
TAXI
I WANT THAT APARTMENT ON THE TOP FLOOR, SAM- AND I'LL HAVE MY OWN OPERATOR HANDLE MY 'PHONE CALLS- AND I'M NOT IN AND YOU NEVER HEARD OF ME- SEE?
YES- I JUST GOT IN- YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS- COME UP HERE RIGHT AWAY- BRING ED AND MAC AND ALL THE PAPERS AND INFORMATION YOU HAVE- YES- I'LL BE WAITING-
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TOO BUSY

I NEVER SAW "DADDY" LIKE THIS BEFORE- SPEAK TO HIM AND HE HARDLY SEEMS TO HEAR YOU AT ALL- BEEN ON TH' JUMP EVERY SECOND, DAY AND NIGHT, SINCE HE GOT HERE - IT'S GOT SOMETHIN' TO DO WITH CATCHIN' FOXPAW IN A TRAP, OR SOMETHIN'-
"DADDY"- WHY CAN'T YOU KNOCK OFF FOR A WHILE AND TAKE A LITTLE NAP?
ER- WHAT'S THAT, ANNIE? OH, NO- NOT A CHANCE- NOT NOW. ANYWAY- NO TIME FOR NAPS.
"DADDY"- CAN'T I GO OUT FOR A LITTLE WALK WITH SANDY?
BETTER NOT- NOT NOW- OH, BY THE WAY, ANNIE- I'VE ABOUT FINISHED ARRANGEMENTS FOR A TRUST FUND FOR YOU SO YOU'LL BE CARED FOR NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS JUST A FEW PAPERS TO SIGN WHEN I HAVE TIME -
HANG THAT 'PHONE - NOW I WONDER WHO THAT IS ---
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WHO IS THERE?
RAP! RAP! RAP!
THE TIME HAS COME, MR. WARBUCKS - THERE'S NOT A MOMENT TO LOSE - IT'S ALL SET -
ALL RIGHT, BOYS - I'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU - JUST GOT TO TELL MY SECRETARY SOMETHING BEFORE I LEAVE -
LISTEN - I'VE GOT TO BE GONE FOR A FEW DAYS - MAYBE A LITTLE LONGER - YOU LOOK OUT FOR ANNIE HERE - SEE? TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER - I'M DEPENDING ON YOU -
GOOD-BY, ANNIE - I'LL BE BACK SOON - ALL RIGHT, BOYS - LET'S GO -
GOOD-BY, "DADDY" -
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REALLY, MISS ANNIE, I HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHERE MR. WARBUCKS WENT- HE NEVER TELLS ANYONE HIS BUSINESS- AS HIS SECRETARY I AM TO KEEP THE APARTMENT HERE FOR HIM AND I WILL BE AT YOUR SERVICE-
WHAT A BIG HELP THAT GUY IS- HE DOESN'T KNOW A THING- OR IF HE DOES HE ISN'T CRACKIN' TO ME- SHUX, I WISH I KNEW WHERE "DADDY" WENT- TORE OUT O' HERE LIKE HIS SHIRT-TAIL WAS ON FIRE-
GEE- HE TOOK EVERY PAPER HE HAD HERE SLICK AN' CLEAN- NOT EVEN A BLOTTER LEFT- OH, WELL- HE'LL MOST LIKELY BE BACK 'FORE LONG- NOTHIN' FOR US TO WORRY 'BOUT-
THIS IS A SWELL PLACE TO LIVE, ALL RIGHT- BUT, GEE, AFTER TH' SILOS, IT'S AWFUL LONESOME- I LIKE LOTS O' FOLKS AROUND- DON'T YOU, SANDY?
ARF!
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NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

IF I HAD TO STAY IN THAT HOTEL ANY LONGER I'D GO NUTTY- WE'LL JUST TAKE A GOOD LONG WALK, SANDY, AND GET HOME BY DINNER TIME-
THAT SECRETARY OF "DADDY'S" IS ALL RIGHT, BUT HE'S AWFUL DUMB- HE WON'T MISS US, I'LL BET-
NOW, LE'SSEE- WHICH WAY IS WHICH? I NEVER SAW THIS PART O' TOWN BEFORE- ALL TH' STREETS LOOK ABOUT ALIKE-
AW, SHUX- I'VE GOT A LITTLE MONEY- IN MY POCKET- WE'LL EAT FIRST, SANDY- THEN WE'LL FIGGER OUT HOW TO GET BACK TO TH' HOTEL- IT WON'T HURT THAT SECRETARY TO WORRY ABOUT US A LITTLE-
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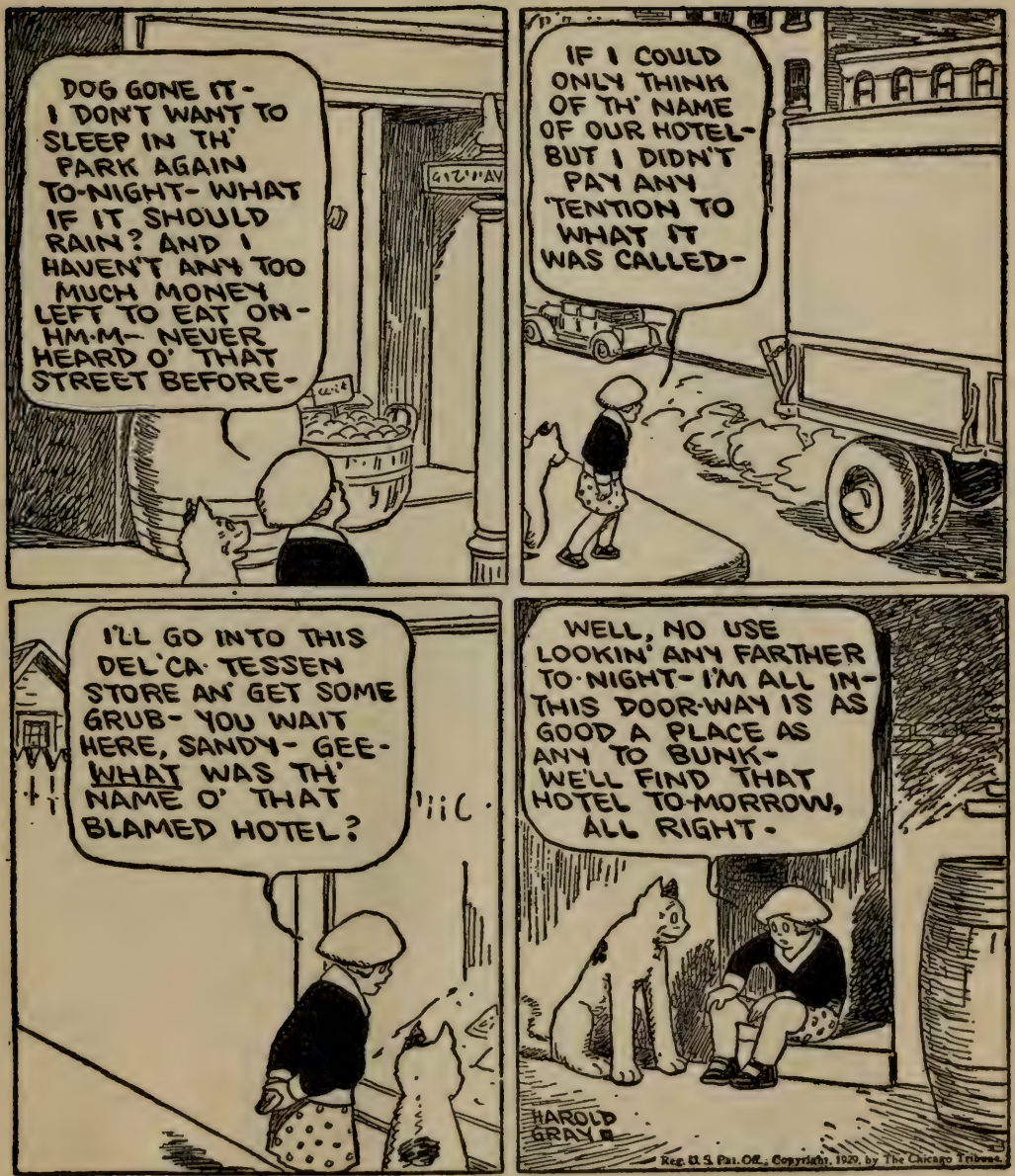
DOG GONE IT- I DON'T WANT TO SLEEP IN TH' PARK AGAIN TO-NIGHT- WHAT IF IT SHOULD RAIN? AND I HAVEN'T ANY TOO MUCH MONEY LEFT TO EAT ON- HM-M- NEVER HEARD O' THAT STREET BEFORE-
IF I COULD ONLY THINK OF TH' NAME OF OUR HOTEL- BUT I DIDN'T PAY ANY 'TENTION TO WHAT IT WAS CALLED-
I'LL GO INTO THIS DEL'CA-TESSEN STORE AN' GET SOME GRUB- YOU WAIT HERE, SANDY- GEE- WHAT WAS TH' NAME O' THAT BLAMED HOTEL?
WELL, NO USE LOOKIN' ANY FARTHER TO-NIGHT- I'M ALL IN- THIS DOOR-WAY IS AS GOOD A PLACE AS ANY TO BUNK- WE'LL FIND THAT HOTEL TO-MORROW, ALL RIGHT-
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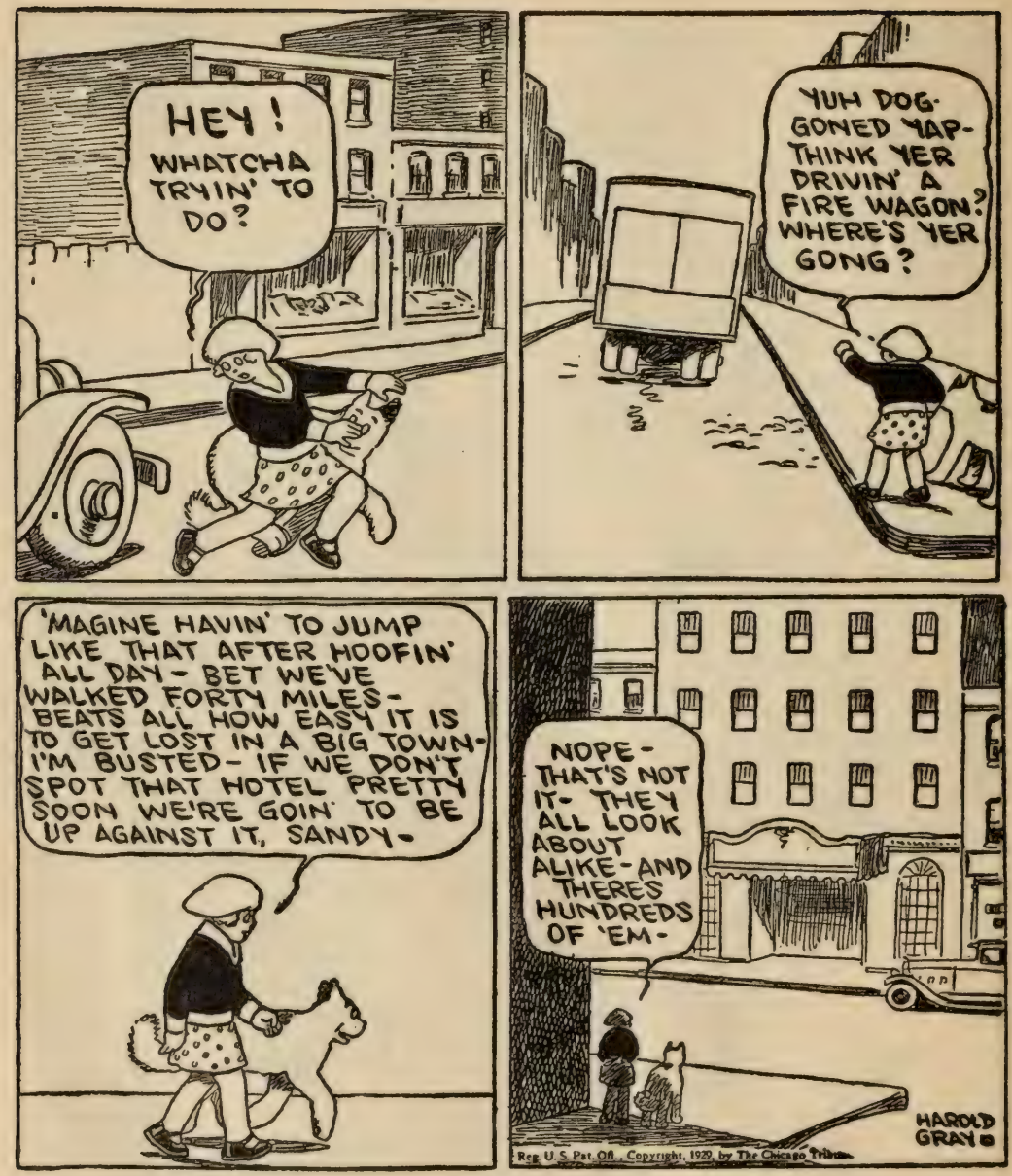
HEY! WHATCHA TRYIN' TO DO?
YUH DOG-GONED YAP-THINK YER DRIVIN' A FIRE WAGON? WHERE'S YER GOING?
'MAGINE HAVIN' TO JUMP LIKE THAT AFTER HOOFIN' ALL DAY - BET WE'VE WALKED FORTY MILES - BEATS ALL HOW EASY IT IS TO GET LOST IN A BIG TOWN - I'M BUSTED - IF WE DON'T SPOT THAT HOTEL PRETTY SOON WE'RE GOIN' TO BE UP AGAINST IT, SANDY -
NOPE - THAT'S NOT IT - THEY ALL LOOK ABOUT ALIKE - AND THERES HUNDREDS OF 'EM -
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MONK DOOLEY PICKS UP A FARE

NOW, WOT TH'-----? LOOKS LIKE A KID AND A DOG THIS IS NO FIT NEIGHBORHOOD TO BE NAPPIN' IN A DOORWAY-
Z-Z-Z-Z-
HERE, HERE, YOUNG'UN- YOU HADN'T OUGHTA BE SLEEPIN' HERE- WHAT'S YER NAME? WHOSE KID ARE YOU? WHERE DO YOU LIVE?
AW, I HAVEN'T ANY FOLKS- I WAS STAYIN' AT A HOTEL BUT I DON'T KNOW TH' NAME OF IT AND I CAN'T FIND IT- BUT WHAT DO YOU CARE?
HM-M-- WELL, I CAN'T LEAVE A KID SLEEPIN' HERE- YOU'D BETTER GET INTO TH' CAB-
SAINTS ALIVE!!! SOUND ASLEEP AGAIN- SHE'S SURE TIRED- TH' POOR YOUNG'UN- WELL, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO- WOW!!! WHAT AN EYE YOU GOT, POOCH- BUT DON'T GET MONK DOOLEY WRONG- I'M WIT YUH, DOG- SEE?
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HER NAME'S ANNIE- 'TIS A PRETTY NAME- SHE WAS ALL TUCKERED OUT- STILL ASLEEP, SHE IS - WHEN SHE WAKES UP I'LL BE ASKIN' HER SOME QUESTIONS-
YOU WILL NOT- YOU'LL BE DRIVING YOUR CAB AS SOON AS YOU FINISH BREAKFAST-
I DON'T KNOW- MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN HER TO THE POLICE STATION- THEY'D KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HER- I GUESS IT WAS A MISTAKE ME BRINGIN' HER HERE-
MISTAKE, IS IT? WHAT ELSE COULD YOU DO? THE PLACE FOR THAT CHILD IS IN A GOOD HOME LIKE OURS - NOW BE ON YOUR WAY AND DRIVE YOUR TAXI- D'YOU HEAR?
ALL RIGHT, NORA- ALL RIGHT-
THAT BIG BRUTE OF A DOG- THERE'S MURDER IN HIM FOR ANYONE WHO PICKS ON HER- BUT I CAN'T BLAME HIM- AH, LOOK AT HER - SHE'S LIKE A LITTLE FAIRY -
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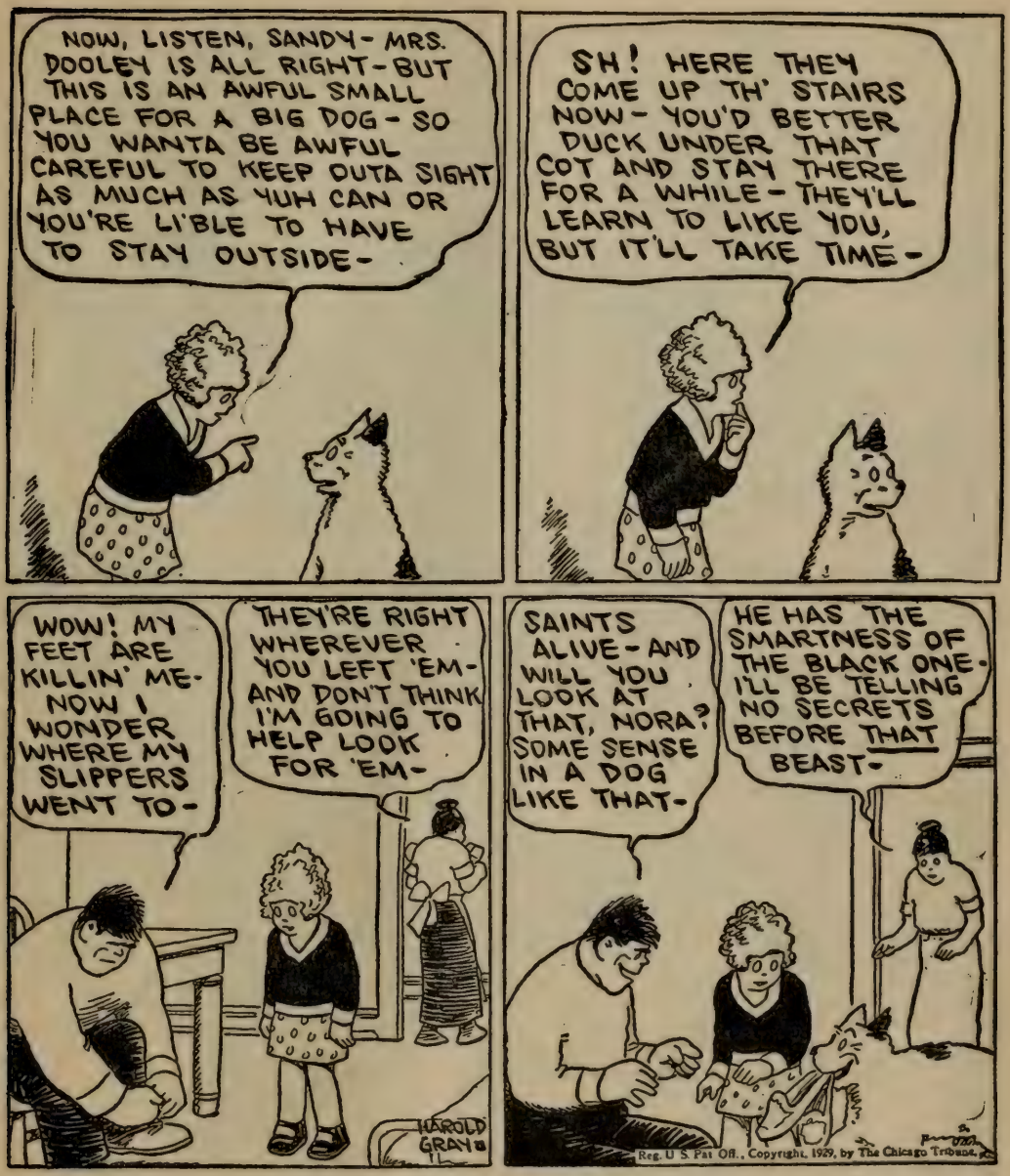
MAKING HIMSELF AGREEABLE


NOW, LISTEN, SANDY- MRS. DOOLEY IS ALL RIGHT- BUT THIS IS AN AWFUL SMALL PLACE FOR A BIG DOG- SO YOU WANTA BE AWFUL CAREFUL TO KEEP OUTA SIGHT AS MUCH AS YUH CAN OR YOU'RE LI'BLE TO HAVE TO STAY OUTSIDE-
SH! HERE THEY COME UP TH' STAIRS NOW- YOU'D BETTER DUCK UNDER THAT COT AND STAY THERE FOR A WHILE- THEY'LL LEARN TO LIKE YOU, BUT IT'LL TAKE TIME-
WOW! MY FEET ARE KILLIN' ME- NOW I WONDER WHERE MY SLIPPERS WENT TO-
THEY'RE RIGHT WHEREVER YOU LEFT 'EM- AND DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO HELP LOOK FOR 'EM-
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SAINTS ALIVE- AND WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT, NORA? SOME SENSE IN A DOG LIKE THAT-
HE HAS THE SMARTNESS OF THE BLACK ONE- I'LL BE TELLING NO SECRETS BEFORE THAT BEAST-
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WELL, I DID PRETTY WELL TO-DAY - GOT A COUPLE O' LIVE ONES AFTER TH' SHOW -
I WISH YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO WORK SO LATE NIGHTS - BUT ANNIE IS LOTS OF COMPANY - I HOPE WE CAN KEEP HER -
HOW IS TH' LITTLE TYKE - I S'POSE SHE'S ASLEEP NOW -
SURE AND A CHILD SHOULD GO TO BED WHEN NIGHT COMES - SHE'S NO BOTHER AT ALL, LIKE SOME KIDS -
BUT THAT BIG BRUTE OF A DOG - I SHUDDER WHEN EVER I LOOK AT HIM - AND TH' BIG FEET ON HIM - IT'S HARD ENOUGH TO KEEP TH' FLOORS CLEAN WITHOUT AN ELEPHANT TRACKIN' IN DIRT -
BUT SHE LIKES TH' POOCH AND HE LIKES HER -
YES - BUT HE'D BE JUST AS WELL OFF OUTSIDE - A DOG HAS NO PLACE IN A HOUSE - I WONDER WHERE THE BEAST IS NOW -
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I'M SORRY, SANDY - BUT THAT'S THE ORDERS - YOU MUSTN'T COME UP-STAIRS - MRS. DOOLEY SAYS YOU TRACK IN TOO MUCH DIRT -
OF COURSE I KNOW LOTS BETTER, BUT SHE THINKS YOU'RE DANGEROUS 'MAGINE THAT - SCARED OF YOU, SANDY - SOME FOLKS ARE FUNNY 'BOUT DOGS -
BUT DON'T YOU WORRY - I'LL BE DOWN TO SEE YOU OFTEN AND THIS CAN'T LAST, SANDY - SOMETHIN' WILL TURN UP -
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JUST A BIG MISTAKE

POOR OLD SANDY- I SURE FEEL SORRY FOR HIM HAVIN' TO STAY OUTSIDE ALL TH' TIME- COURSE ITS NOT COLD, OR ANYTHING- BUT IT MUST GET AWFUL LONESOME-
HERE Y'ARE, OLD KID- I GOT SOME SWELL BONES FOR YUH- JUST TH' KIND YOU LIKE- THEY'LL NEVER MISS 'EM-
THERE- GUESS MAYBE THAT'S NOT LOOKIN' OUT FOR MY LITTLE DOGGIE, EH?
WELL!
BUT, GEE- WHAT'S TH' HARM IN GIVIN' HIM A FEW OLD BONES?
HARM, IS IT? THESE ARE TH' BONES I WAS SAVIN' TO MAKE SOUP OUT OF TO-NIGHT- THAT'S ALL-
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LISTEN, YOU! D'COPS ARE AFTER ME - I GOTTA HIDE IN HERE - NOW ONE SQUAWK OUTA YOU AND YUH GET DIS PIPE ON YER NUT -
YI!
ULP!
OH, YER GOIN' TER START YELPIN' ARE YUH?
'AT A BOY, SANDY - NOW, FELLA, IF YUH S'PECT TO 'MEMBER LEAVIN' HERE LIE STILL - SANDY KNOWS HIS STUFF - IF YUH SO MUCH AS WINK IT'LL BE YER FINISH - BUT SUIT YERSELF - I DON'T CARE -
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WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT, NORA? THAT WAS "BUTCHER JAKE", AN ESCAPED CONVICT- TH' BOYS AT TH' STATION WAS JUST TELLIN' ME- A LUCKY THING FOR YOU, NORA, THAT SANDY WAS NEAR-
AND DON'T I KNOW THAT, NOW?
HERE, POOCH - I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHIN'- SOME SAUSAGES AND TH' BIGGEST BONE THEY HAD IN TH' PLACE-
OH, BOY! WHADDYUH SAY, SANDY?
ARF!
THAT'S TH' STUFF, SANDY- SHOW 'EM HOW YUH USED TO KNOCK 'EM OUT OF THEIR SEATS WHEN WE WERE IN TH' CIRCUS- GEE- YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN A THING-
YESSIR- I THINK I'LL TAKE YOU WITH ME TO WATCH TH' CAB WHEN I HAVE TO GO INSIDE TO 'PHONE-
WELL, THAT YOU WILL NOT- SANDY STAYS RIGHT IN THIS HOUSE AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT-
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